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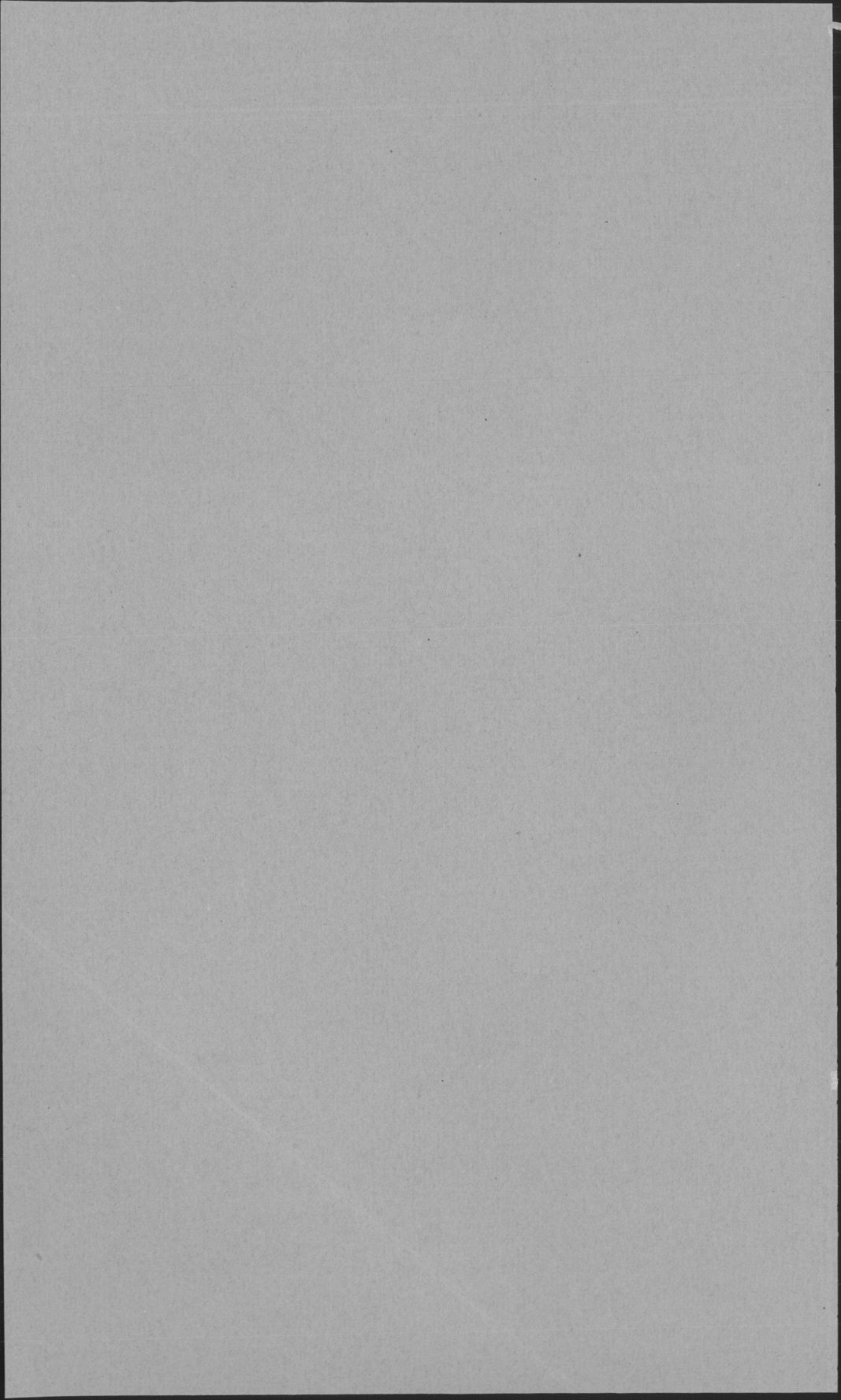
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AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1954.			Estimate—31st December, 1956.			Capital Cities, 30th June, 1956.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	1,802,142	1,786,202	3,588,344	1,935,880
Victoria	87,884	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	1,328,357	1,304,266	2,632,623	1,595,300
Q'land	670,500	676,252	642,007	1,318,259	708,246	670,701	1,378,947	527,500
S. Aust.	380,070	403,903	393,191	797,094	437,426	424,486	861,912	514,000
W. Aust.	975,920	330,358	309,413	639,771	353,082	331,753	684,835	369,000
Tasmania	26,215	157,129	151,623	308,752	171,151	161,659	332,810	99,540
N. Terr.	523,620	10,288	6,181	16,469	10,545	7,308	17,853	8,850
A.C.T.	939	16,229	14,086	30,315	19,772	16,238	36,010	32,440
Australia	2,974,581	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	4,830,721	4,702,613	9,533,334	5,082,510

(a) 31st December, 1955.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AT 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1953	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,382
1954a	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	32,424	9,200,691
1956	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	34,481	9,427,558
AT 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,737,191	1,871,099	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1952	3,367,986	2,366,719	1,271,256	768,570	612,935	309,558	14,771	27,774	8,739,569
1953	3,409,009	2,416,035	1,298,420	785,665	631,743	316,465	15,635	29,714	8,902,686
1954	3,462,313	2,480,877	1,322,752	808,243	649,415	319,511	16,140	31,144	9,090,395
1955	3,525,923	2,555,021	1,350,684	834,635	670,750	325,801	17,007	33,470	9,313,291
1956	3,588,344	2,632,623	1,378,947	861,912	684,835	332,810	17,853	36,010	9,533,334

(a) Census.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1953	3,366,358	2,372,366	1,272,244	766,538	611,191	302,529	15,241	27,721	8,734,188
1954	3,405,414	2,422,839	1,300,464	785,981	630,705	309,416	15,930	29,595	8,900,344
1955	3,459,538	2,488,115	1,325,336	807,501	648,930	312,987	16,536	31,249	9,090,192
1956	3,524,379	2,564,849	1,352,629	834,465	669,040	319,192	17,474	33,642	9,315,670
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1952	3,341,476	2,343,610	1,255,896	755,042	600,615	298,361	15,087	26,570	8,636,657
1953	3,386,556	2,395,851	1,287,231	776,355	621,034	306,318	15,534	28,724	8,817,603
1954	3,428,488	2,453,458	1,313,055	796,361	640,140	311,128	16,214	30,383	8,989,227
1955	3,492,385	2,526,275	1,338,995	820,143	658,747	316,153	17,040	32,412	9,202,150
1956	3,555,854	2,604,283	1,366,496	848,531	677,317	322,216	17,896	34,698	9,427,291

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).					
New South Wales	42,158	43,183	40,681	41,854	41,650
Victoria	30,416	30,911	32,106	33,809	34,507
Queensland	19,782	19,776	19,832	21,045	20,223
South Australia	10,834	11,194	11,048	10,958	11,371
Western Australia	10,204	10,790	10,564	11,244	11,344
Tasmania	5,337	5,185	5,074	5,600	5,591
Northern Territory	359	344	407	396	449
Australian Capital Territory	963	664	739	735	910
Australia	120,053	122,047	120,451	125,641	126,045

RECORDED NET INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).

New South Wales	18,043	4,578	15,977	21,756	20,771
Victoria	35,053	16,346	31,764	40,335	43,095
Queensland	11,310	5,480	3,544	6,887	8,040
South Australia	10,865	2,791	9,968	15,434	15,906
Western Australia	12,677	8,258	7,228	10,091	2,741
Tasmania	3,604	2,888	1,448	690	1,418
Northern Territory	— 2	718	201	471	397
Australian Capital Territory	2,482	1,838	973	1,591	1,630
Australia	94,032	42,897	68,207	97,255	93,998

TOTAL INCREASE.

New South Wales	(a) 53,314	(a) 41,023	(a) 53,304	63,610	62,421
Victoria	67,181	49,316	64,842	74,144	77,602
Queensland	32,978	27,164	24,332	27,932	28,263
South Australia	24,785	17,095	22,578	26,392	27,277
Western Australia	22,596	18,808	17,672	21,335	14,085
Tasmania	7,771	6,907	3,046	6,290	7,009
Northern Territory	157	864	505	867	846
Australian Capital Territory	2,880	1,940	1,430	2,326	2,540
Australia	211,662	163,117	187,709	222,896	220,043

(a) Includes natural increase and recorded net interstate and overseas migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by the results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase. (a)	Net Oversea Migration. (b)	Total Increase.	Population at end of Period.
Year—							
1944.. .. .	63,201	153,344	69,596	83,748	— 2,183	c77,366	7,347,024
1945.. .. .	62,822	160,560	70,231	90,329	— 2,629	c83,173	7,430,197
1946.. .. .	79,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	— 15,148	c87,784	7,517,981
1947.. .. .	76,457	182,384	73,463	108,916	10,611	c119,982	7,637,963
1948.. .. .	74,902	177,976	76,839	101,137	55,115	c154,502	7,792,465
1949.. .. .	72,999	181,261	75,260	106,001	150,001	c253,105	8,045,570
1950.. .. .	75,599	190,591	78,187	112,404	152,605	c261,911	8,307,481
1951.. .. .	77,298	193,298	81,788	111,510	111,433	c220,426	8,527,907
1952.. .. .	74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,032	c211,062	8,739,569
1953.. .. .	70,640	202,235	80,188	122,047	42,897	c163,117	8,902,686
1954.. .. .	71,229	202,256	81,805	120,451	68,207	c187,709	9,090,395
1955.. .. .	72,172	207,677	82,036	125,641	97,255	c222,896	9,313,291
1956.. .. .	71,780	212,133	86,088	126,045	93,998	c220,043	9,533,334
Quarter ended—							
31st December, 1955	20,094	51,045	19,424	31,621	25,621	57,242	9,313,291
31st March, 1956	18,680	52,614	18,073	34,541	29,421	63,062	9,377,253
30th June, 1956	18,453	53,502	21,140	32,362	17,943	50,305	9,427,558
30th September, 1956	18,328	53,698	26,511	27,187	24,446	51,633	9,479,191
31st December, 1956	19,319	52,319	20,364	31,955	22,188	54,143	9,533,334

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1944, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1944, to June, 1947.

(c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956.

New South Wales	7,401	9,620	9,006	18,626	4,385	3,593	7,978
Victoria.. ..	5,584	7,603	7,186	14,789	3,182	2,727	5,909
Queensland ..	2,640	3,939	3,700	7,639	1,657	1,196	2,853
South Australia ..	1,608	2,492	2,337	4,829	958	722	1,680
Western Australia	1,305	2,068	1,987	4,055	734	561	1,295
Tasmania ..	662	996	969	1,965	303	269	572
Northern Territory	44	72	68	140	27	9	36
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	136	140	276	30	11	41
Australia ..	19,319	26,926	25,393	52,319	11,276	9,088	20,364

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956.

New South Wales	27,313	39,209	36,505	75,714	19,166	14,898	34,064
Victoria.. ..	20,137	30,115	28,278	58,393	12,862	11,024	23,886
Queensland ..	9,934	16,702	15,707	32,409	7,079	5,107	12,186
South Australia ..	6,277	9,708	9,256	18,964	4,243	3,350	7,593
Western Australia	5,080	8,870	8,046	16,916	3,265	2,307	5,572
Tasmania ..	2,601	4,128	3,976	8,104	1,378	1,135	2,513
Northern Territory	160	284	272	556	83	24	107
Australian Capital Territory ..	278	573	504	1,077	116	51	167
Australia ..	71,780	109,589	102,544	212,133	48,192	37,896	86,088

State or Territory.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
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MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,579	27,573	27,503	27,645	27,313
Victoria	17,113	19,238	19,404	20,056	20,137
Queensland	8,853	9,859	10,027	10,098	9,934
South Australia ..	5,489	6,149	6,190	6,226	6,277
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,032	5,204	5,145	5,080
Tasmania	2,082	2,424	2,512	2,600	2,601
Northern Territory ..	67	154	143	151	160
Australian Capital Territory	75	211	246	251	278
Australia.. ..	62,411	70,640	71,229	72,172	71,780

DIVORCES (INCLUDING NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE).—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1952, 7,095; 1953, 8,031; 1954, 6,517; 1955, New South Wales, 2,891; Victoria, 1,690; Queensland, 803; South Australia, 628; Western Australia, 485; Tasmania, 233; Northern Territory, 18; Australian Capital Territory, 21; Australia, 6,769.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
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MARRIAGE RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	9.03	8.14	8.02	7.92	7.68
Victoria	9.17	8.03	7.91	7.94	7.73
Queensland	8.84	7.66	7.64	7.54	7.27
South Australia ..	9.25	7.92	7.77	7.59	7.40
Western Australia ..	8.95	8.10	8.13	7.81	7.50
Tasmania	8.81	7.91	8.07	8.22	8.07
Northern Territory ..	11.54	9.91	8.82	8.86	8.94
Australian Capital Territory	6.50	7.35	8.10	7.74	8.01
Australia.. ..	9.04	8.01	7.92	7.84	7.61

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	47,319	74,890	73,125	74,407	75,714
Victoria	30,344	53,561	54,660	56,336	58,393
Queensland	18,992	30,782	31,176	32,352	32,409
South Australia ..	9,410	18,156	18,227	18,494	18,964
Western Australia ..	9,141	15,862	15,928	16,623	16,916
Tasmania	4,907	7,736	7,770	8,089	8,104
Northern Territory ..	102	460	513	515	556
Australian Capital Territory	200	788	857	861	1,077
Australia.. ..	120,415	202,235	202,256	207,677	212,133

BIRTH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	17.38	22.11	21.33	21.31	21.29
Victoria	16.27	22.36	22.28	22.30	22.42
Queensland	18.95	23.91	23.74	24.16	23.72
South Australia ..	15.86	23.39	22.89	22.55	22.35
Western Australia ..	19.71	25.54	24.88	25.23	24.98
Tasmania	20.76	25.25	24.97	25.59	25.15
Northern Territory ..	17.57	29.61	31.64	30.22	31.07
Australian Capital Territory	17.34	27.43	28.21	26.56	31.04
Australia.. ..	17.45	22.94	22.50	22.57	22.50

DEATHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	26,105	31,707	32,444	32,553	34,064
Victoria	18,955	22,650	22,554	22,527	23,886
Queensland	9,201	11,006	11,344	11,307	12,186
South Australia ..	5,539	6,962	7,179	7,536	7,593
Western Australia ..	4,234	5,072	5,364	5,379	5,572
Tasmania	2,288	2,551	2,696	2,489	2,513
Northern Territory ..	69	116	106	119	107
Australian Capital Territory	60	124	118	126	167
Australia.. ..	66,451	80,188	81,805	82,036	86,088

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
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DEATH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales	9.50	9.36	9.46	9.32	9.58
Victoria	10.16	9.45	9.19	8.92	9.17
Queensland	9.18	8.55	8.64	8.44	8.92
South Australia	9.34	8.97	9.01	9.19	8.95
Western Australia	9.13	8.17	8.38	8.17	8.23
Tasmania	9.68	8.33	8.67	7.87	7.80
Northern Territory	11.89	7.47	6.54	6.98	5.98
Australian Capital Territory	5.20	4.32	3.88	3.89	4.81
Australia	9.63	9.09	9.10	8.91	9.13

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,980	1,846	1,850	1,850	1,777
Victoria	1,038	1,133	1,055	1,035	1,128
Queensland	784	769	695	656	737
South Australia	287	375	388	431	377
Western Australia	309	378	359	373	384
Tasmania	195	177	186	189	171
Northern Territory	6	18	9	26	24
Australian Capital Territory	8	17	4	12	11
Australia	4,607	4,713	4,546	4,572	4,609

INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.84	24.65	25.30	24.86	23.47
Victoria	34.21	21.15	19.30	18.37	19.32
Queensland	41.28	24.98	22.29	20.28	22.74
South Australia	30.50	20.65	21.29	23.30	19.88
Western Australia	35.80	23.83	22.54	22.44	22.70
Tasmania	39.74	23.88	23.94	23.37	21.10
Northern Territory	58.82	39.13	17.54	50.49	43.17
Australian Capital Territory	40.00	21.57	4.67	13.94	10.21
Australia	38.26	23.30	22.48	22.01	21.73

OVERSEA MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	-10,886
1936-40(a)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(a)	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946-50(a)	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1938	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1951	122,136	91,504	213,640	54,521	47,686	102,207	111,433
1952	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807	94,032
1953	88,584	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228	42,897
1954	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
1955	133,463	103,774	237,237	76,805	63,177	139,982	97,255
1956	141,408	106,040	247,448	87,013	66,437	153,450	93,998

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

Oversea Migration—Permanent Movement(a) Classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Arrivals. (b)			Departures. (c)		
	Quarter ended December, 1956.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1956.	Year ended December—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
British(d)	9,624	57,201	50,969	7,005	29,305	29,942
Foreign—						
American (U.S.) ..	246	1,296	1,266	242	927	964
Austrian	622	4,451	3,404	32	86	100
Belgian	12	58	53	1	18	10
Chinese	106	384	498	36	145	153
Czechoslovak	16	83	60	14	126	94
Danish	623	120	1,309	19	42	44
Dutch	2,983	13,354	11,883	391	1,055	1,663
Estonian	3	10	9	6	17	14
French	119	377	513	39	303	257
German	1,762	9,749	6,044	260	583	900
Greek	2,891	10,951	11,984	96	117	243
Hungarian	362	224	508	7	42	31
Israeli	174	626	888	2	11	16
Italian	3,784	27,045	27,705	499	1,627	2,272
Japanese	73	285	214	9	22	36
Latvian	6	41	37	11	37	44
Lebanese	326	420	1,095	7	31	31
Lithuanian	1	13	12	11	52	59
Norwegian	16	62	126	8	120	32
Polish(e)	47	164	182	23	102	105
Russian(f)	73	97	396	20	42	94
Swedish	12	44	89	7	45	23
Swiss	90	214	350	30	113	88
Ukrainian .. ..	..	37	33	14	46	40
Yugoslav	215	932	1,116	12	52	64
Stateless	491	1,604	1,882	45	183	135
Other	354	953	1,197	53	229	263
Total	25,031	130,795	123,822	8,899	35,478	37,717

(a) The movements of overseas travellers are classified as permanent or temporary on the basis that "permanent" means intended residence for one year or longer. (b) Excludes Australian residents returning from absences of less than one year and Australian troops irrespective of their length of stay abroad. (c) Excludes visitors departing after a stay of less than one year in Australia and Australian troops. (d) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" for the purpose of this table. (e) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. (f) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

Permanent Movement(a) Classified according to Racial Origin.

Racial Origin.	Arrivals. (b)			Departures. (c)		
	Quarter ended December, 1956.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1956.	Year ended December—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
European	24,269	128,378	120,456	8,712	34,791	36,925
Asian	740	2,305	3,206	170	663	748
African	8	20	48	..	2	4
Polynesian	14	92	112	17	22	40
Total	25,031	130,795	123,822	8,899	35,478	37,717

(a) See note (a) above.

(b) See note (b) above.

(c) See note (c) above.

Oversea Migration—Permanent Movement^(a) classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence of Departures. ^(d)	Arrivals. ^(b)			Departures. ^(c)		
	Quarter ended December, 1956.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1956.	Year ended December—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
Commonwealth—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	6,478	36,638	36,594	3,626	15,389	14,532
Canada	229	1,225	958	329	1,155	1,375
Cyprus	243	930	743	8	54	46
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	228	831	870	74	478	396
Malta	510	9,297	3,002	155	266	507
New Guinea	116	668	652	430	2,035	2,015
New Zealand	607	2,904	2,881	886	3,744	3,811
Papua	146	483	522	290	1,242	1,321
Union of South Africa ..	77	375	288	55	226	274
Other	627	2,620	3,239	602	2,310	2,880
Total, Commonwealth Countries ..	9,261	55,971	49,749	6,455	26,899	27,157
Other—						
Austria	768	5,021	4,164	23	66	82
France	84	401	416	72	342	345
Germany	1,826	9,866	6,324	198	486	728
Greece	2,631	10,389	10,889	93	168	254
Italy	3,862	27,451	27,982	657	2,816	3,532
Netherlands	2,975	13,104	11,753	320	833	1,375
Poland	29	79	92	6	6	37
Yugoslavia	325	818	1,143	9	42	51
Other European ..	1,218	1,563	3,017	163	475	536
China	91	177	394	11	33	35
Indonesia	139	476	400	39	178	174
Egypt	518	1,245	2,155	7	61	82
United States of America ..	365	1,859	1,768	670	2,238	2,461
Polynesian Islands ..	45	2,232	168	22	239	243
Other	894	143	3,408	154	596	625
Total, Other Countries	15,770	74,824	74,073	2,444	8,579	10,560
GRAND TOTAL ..	25,031	130,795	123,822	8,899	35,478	37,717

^(a) See note (a) on page 8.

^(b) See note (b) on page 8.

^(c) See note (c) on page 8.

^(d) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" (see following table) as regards both country of intended future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Oversea Migration—Temporary Movement(a) classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(d)	Arrivals.(b)			Departures.(c)		
	Quarter ended December, 1956.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1956.	Year ended December—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
Australia.. ..	16,364	52,877	57,608	11,302	52,180	51,400
Other Commonwealth—						
United Kingdom and						
Republic of Ireland ..	2,736	8,589	9,939	3,355	9,001	10,091
Canada	536	786	1,115	495	721	1,175
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	576	1,418	1,747	514	1,204	1,336
New Guinea	1,057	3,025	3,553	1,010	2,751	3,008
New Zealand	8,100	19,768	22,305	7,604	20,601	22,480
Papua	1,177	2,811	3,322	615	1,890	2,533
Union of South Africa ..	256	537	886	281	505	875
Other	1,878	5,660	6,042	1,959	5,393	6,052
Total, Other Commonwealth Countries ..	16,316	42,594	48,909	15,833	42,066	47,550
Other—						
France	375	477	803	425	503	924
Germany	428	358	685	421	339	680
Greece	48	63	105	34	43	84
Italy	321	259	466	301	295	559
Netherlands	208	610	646	223	694	762
Yugoslavia	73	35	96	56	20	65
Other European	1,814	745	2,333	1,707	647	2,181
China	192	90	267	69	45	113
Indonesia	262	625	823	218	444	575
Egypt	13	64	63	5	52	39
United States of America..	2,891	4,270	6,246	2,876	4,614	6,527
Polynesian Islands ..	487	1,242	1,455	374	955	1,390
Other	1,707	2,133	3,121	1,599	1,607	2,884
Total, Other Countries	8,819	10,971	17,109	8,308	10,258	16,783
GRAND TOTAL ..	41,499	106,442	123,626	35,443	104,504	115,733

(a) See note (a) on page 8. (b) Excludes Australian residents returning after absences of one year or more. (c) Excludes visitors departing after a stay of one year or more in Australia. (d) "Permanent Residence" means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" as regards both country of intended future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AREA. (^{'000} Acres.)								
1938-39..	4,651	2,748	442	3,080	3,413	10	2	14,346
1952-53..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,999	7	1	10,209
1953-54..	3,357	2,389	580	1,528	2,885	10	2	10,751
1954-55..	2,919	2,390	688	1,639	2,979	7	1	10,673
1955-56..	2,937	2,141	582	1,609	2,890	6	1	10,166
1956-57(a)	1,713	1,530	390	1,455	2,700	6	..	7,794
PRODUCTION. (^{'000} Bushels.)								
1938-39..	59,898	18,104	8,584	31,675	36,844	205	59	155,369
1952-53..	56,670	50,335	18,662	33,919	35,458	156	8	195,208
1953-54..	63,681	53,698	10,180	30,409	39,700	263	29	197,960
1954-55..	37,718	48,484	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	15	168,616
1955-56..	57,149	41,083	14,922	28,892	53,250	129	19	195,444
1956-57(a)	28,000	35,500	8,000	31,500	31,600	100	..	134,700
YIELD PER ACRE. (Bushels.)								
1938-39..	12.9	6.6	19.4	10.3	10.8	20.8	28.7	10.8
1952-53..	21.0	22.6	25.8	22.0	11.8	23.4	12.7	19.1
1953-54..	19.0	22.5	17.6	19.9	13.8	27.2	18.5	18.4
1954-55..	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	19.4	15.8
1955-56..	19.5	19.2	25.7	18.0	18.4	20.7	25.5	19.2
1956-57(a)	16.3	23.2	20.5	21.6	11.7	16.7	..	17.3

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.
(^{'000} Acres.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	5,223	3,033	499	3,344	3,613	14	2	15,728
1951-52 ..	2,930	2,499	551	1,688	3,163	7	1	10,839
1952-53 ..	2,836	2,265	779	1,601	3,076	13	1	10,571
1953-54 ..	3,548	2,429	658	1,604	2,938	15	2	11,194
1954-55 ..	3,178	2,430	745	1,767	3,100	12	1	11,233
1955-56 ..	3,064	2,174	640	1,678	2,965	10	1	10,532

OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.		Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.			Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar. (94 N.T.)	

AREA.
(^{'000} Acres.)

1938-39 ..	1,784	745	324	98	3,250	262	..	23,498
1951-52 ..	2,865	1,118	170	118	1,549	232	..	19,683
1952-53 ..	2,764	1,377	174	135	1,761	280	..	20,251
1953-54 ..	2,137	1,803	179	128	1,935	340	..	21,013
1954-55 ..	2,574	1,691	170	107	1,984	374	..	21,695
1955-56(a) ..	3,354	1,894	168	94	2,241	373	..	22,454

PRODUCTION.

1938-39 ..	^{'000} Bush. 15,555	^{'000} Bush. 10,831	^{'000} Bush. 7,057	^{'000} Tons. 274	^{'000} Tons. 3,321	^{'000} Tons. 5,679	^{'000} Tons. 820	..
1951-52 ..	34,506	21,909	4,018	509	2,345	5,327	745	..
1952-53 ..	43,623	35,045	4,967	431	2,765	6,967	949	..
1953-54 ..	32,961	41,272	5,079	548	3,049	9,014	1,254	..
1954-55 ..	32,834	29,400	5,076	468	2,856	10,087	1,328	..
1955-56(a) ..	56,487	41,655	4,755	402	3,625	8,901	1,172	..

(a) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK.
('000.)

March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939 ..	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1	1,724
1952 ..	311	169	289	63	53	19	32	1	937
1953 ..	298	154	282	57	50	18	35	1	895
1954 ..	280	141	273	52	49	17	37	1	850
1955 ..	258	132	267	49	47	16	33	1	803
1956 ..	247	119	261	44	46	15	37	1	770

CATTLE—BEEF.

1952 ..	2,416	776	5,138	201	621	110	1,058	7	10,327
1953 ..	2,405	820	5,378	231	612	113	936	6	10,501
1954 ..	2,316	829	5,703	230	600	121	966	6	10,771
1955 ..	2,242	856	5,861	255	633	129	969	5	10,950
1956 ..	2,421	954	5,946	302	673	148	1,028	6	11,478

CATTLE—DAIRY.

1952 ..	1,205	1,439	1,297	236	231	155	..	3	4,566
1953 ..	1,244	1,477	1,373	252	234	162	..	4	4,746
1954 ..	1,238	1,541	1,383	261	230	174	..	3	4,830
1955 ..	1,219	1,600	1,377	269	228	190	..	3	4,886
1956 ..	1,253	1,662	1,384	264	224	184	..	3	4,979

CATTLE—TOTAL.

1939 ..	2,812	1,697	(a) 6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,862
1952 ..	3,621	2,215	6,435	437	852	265	1,058	10	14,893
1953 ..	3,649	2,297	6,751	483	846	275	936	10	15,247
1954 ..	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	295	966	9	15,601
1955 ..	3,461	2,456	7,238	524	861	319	969	8	15,856
1956 ..	3,679	2,616	7,330	566	897	332	1,028	9	16,457

SHEEP.

1939 ..	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,937	a 9,177	a 2,626	30	245	111,058
1952 ..	53,676	21,537	16,164	11,470	12,188	2,338	31	243	117,647
1953 ..	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,036	12,475	2,421	34	247	123,072
1954 ..	59,639	21,438	18,194	11,838	13,087	2,465	31	252	126,944
1955 ..	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,565	29	245	130,849
1956 ..	62,988	23,343	22,116	13,585	14,123	2,673	33	258	139,124

PIGS.

1939 ..	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1952 ..	293	214	316	65	86	47	1	..	1,022
1953 ..	299	183	336	59	76	39	1	..	993
1954 ..	372	232	334	61	101	46	1	..	1,197
1955 ..	375	264	407	85	107	58	1	..	1,297
1956 ..	343	227	373	73	99	50	1	..	1,166

(a) December, previous year.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE).
('000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	437,141	165,829	b 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1951-52 ..	437,837	224,958	138,767	135,484	120,401	20,513	252	1,765	1,079,977
1952-53 ..	556,552	252,195	163,149	158,658	128,148	19,807	332	2,245	1,281,086
1953-54 ..	544,934	223,481	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462
1954-55 ..	540,977	253,364	176,548	155,761	129,667	23,797	311	2,232	1,282,657
1955-56(c) ..	593,712	273,356	186,406	173,697	156,454	23,418	393	2,323	1,409,764

(a) Estimated.

(b) For year ended 31st December, 1938.

(c) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES. (¹ 000 gal.)								
1938-39 ..	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,829	350	1,189,863
1951-52 ..	241,209	446,818	181,148	86,482	48,937	42,189	593	1,047,376
1952-53 ..	317,385	436,417	285,533	84,249	49,830	41,139	688	1,215,241
1953-54 ..	282,187	474,358	249,712	85,014	49,996	47,642	743	1,189,652
1954-55 ..	315,719	536,835	275,605	90,699	54,194	52,022	725	1,325,799
1955-56(b) ..	335,234	573,493	282,891	91,109	55,578	60,959	913	1,405,177
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1955(b) ..	169,310	344,763	137,692	57,922	37,217	32,750	482	780,136
Dec., 1956(b) ..	152,181	372,971	125,611	57,399	39,077	36,508	554	784,301

BUTTER (Factory and Farm).
(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1951-52 ..	25,242	60,342	28,211	8,131	6,880	6,507	6	135,319
1952-53 ..	38,875	58,178	49,425	7,982	6,643	6,372	5	167,480
1953-54 ..	31,354	64,396	42,154	7,862	6,281	7,533	5	159,585
1954-55 ..	40,128	80,182	46,223	8,704	7,266	8,571	4	191,078
1955-56(b) ..	42,325	91,421	48,459	8,656	7,542	10,183	4	208,590
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1955(b) ..	21,453	55,699	23,123	5,698	5,660	5,478	2	117,113
Dec., 1956(b) ..	17,451	58,866	20,180	5,808	5,760	6,213	2	114,282

CHEESE (Factory and Farm).
(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,230	436	1,513	..	29,304
1951-52 ..	1,995	22,255	4,700	10,615	625	408	..	40,598
1952-53 ..	3,163	22,886	9,439	10,454	898	266	..	46,606
1953-54 ..	3,210	25,987	6,746	11,612	1,208	294	..	49,057
1954-55 ..	2,508	20,302	7,921	13,101	1,086	275	..	45,193
1955-56(b) ..	3,391	13,955	7,572	12,636	847	292	..	38,693
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1955(b) ..	1,627	8,725	4,436	9,421	579	130	..	24,918
Dec., 1956(b) ..	2,035	13,287	4,027	9,140	857	180	..	29,526

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA (a)

Period.	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Equivalent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Milk By-Products.	
	Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened).	Concentrated Whole Milk.(c)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods.(d)		Powdered Skim Milk.	Powdered Butter-milk and Whey.
	Tons. 15,519	Tons. (e) 1,659	Tons. 10,712	Tons. (f) 1,259		Tons. (g)	Tons. (h) 556
1938-39 ..					33,367		
1951-52 ..	52,467	16,743	15,121	12,066	76,496	10,887	2,938
1952-53 ..	55,385	14,493	22,393	10,042	83,655	16,103	4,073
1953-54 ..	42,386	19,464	18,905	11,740	75,995	19,804	5,358
1954-55 ..	38,333	11,618	15,409	11,326	64,365	23,206	5,200
1955-56(b) ..	44,978	14,780	17,423	13,125	72,631	30,634	4,586
Six months ended—							
Dec., 1955(b) ..	28,042	8,130	10,503	7,051	43,086	19,014	2,735
Dec., 1956(b) ..	31,707	10,003	10,273	7,139	44,595	20,494	3,168

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture. (d) Includes malted milk and milk sugar and a small quantity of non-fat malted milk. (e) Incomplete. (f) Malted milk and milk sugar only. (g) Included with Powdered Full Cream Milk. (h) Excludes whey.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BEEF (including Veal).									
1938-39 ..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1951-52 ..	184,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,390	3,285	1,806	581,888
1952-53 ..	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	3,175	1,464	674,849
1953-54 ..	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	3,277	1,656	704,269
1954-55 ..	215,462	142,719	271,550	34,431	37,087	13,670	3,374	1,616	719,909
1955-56(a) ..	225,219	136,881	291,378	37,607	38,188	15,533	3,256	1,632	749,744
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1955(a) ..	118,072	67,046	171,800	18,243	19,118	7,473	1,612	816	404,180
Dec., 1956(a) ..	111,099	74,541	157,368	19,934	19,640	8,665	1,682	894	393,823
MUTTON.									
1938-39 ..	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
1951-52 ..	56,329	64,756	13,082	20,163	16,086	4,732	34	648	175,830
1952-53 ..	72,455	94,130	18,572	33,660	23,620	5,654	82	834	249,007
1953-54 ..	75,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	18,908	6,004	72	720	237,566
1954-55 ..	73,484	93,322	17,254	28,581	20,916	6,050	78	845	240,530
1955-56(a) ..	71,677	82,149	20,479	27,460	23,548	5,241	64	828	231,446
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1955(a) ..	37,388	42,654	9,797	14,278	13,224	2,675	40	414	120,465
Dec., 1956(a) ..	33,959	30,176	10,285	13,548	12,457	2,976	26	488	103,915
LAMB.									
1938-39 ..	23,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1951-52 ..	37,747	44,227	1,388	11,059	7,000	4,243	..	312	106,526
1952-53 ..	53,276	58,900	1,799	17,824	8,886	5,002	..	396	146,083
1953-54 ..	48,759	48,320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,069	..	366	127,246
1954-55 ..	49,015	62,289	1,296	21,272	7,497	5,851	..	414	147,634
1955-56(a) ..	49,722	59,221	1,714	17,523	9,333	6,484	..	408	144,405
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1955(a) ..	26,046	41,404	976	12,911	6,728	3,172	..	204	91,441
Dec., 1956(a) ..	23,865	29,487	1,041	11,343	6,309	3,127	..	174	75,346
PORK.									
1938-39 ..	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1951-52 ..	10,382	8,716	8,604	2,551	2,550	1,981	70	170	35,024
1952-53 ..	9,611	6,925	6,548	2,836	2,436	1,920	60	132	30,468
1953-54 ..	12,949	7,332	7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399	69	146	33,396
1954-55 ..	17,026	11,078	8,948	3,521	4,362	2,027	65	192	47,219
1955-56(a) ..	14,629	11,047	7,708	3,452	3,481	2,193	68	192	42,770
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1955(a) ..	7,793	5,451	3,922	1,887	1,954	998	33	96	22,134
Dec., 1956(a) ..	7,717	5,304	3,459	1,891	1,670	997	38	102	20,678
BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).									
1938-39 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1951-52(b) ..	12,514	8,964	7,669	2,969	3,633	829	..	..	36,628
1952-53(b) ..	370,652	8,165	9,510	3,063	3,693	886	..	..	38,545
1953-54(b) ..	11,875	7,044	10,655	3,024	3,443	949	..	..	36,990
1954-55(b) ..	11,769	8,074	10,807	3,378	3,316	1,027	..	..	38,371
1955-56(a)(b) ..	11,426	7,774	10,217	3,586	3,236	1,033	..	..	37,272
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1955(a)(b) ..	6,575	4,109	5,329	1,990	1,795	573	..	..	20,371
Dec., 1956(a)(b) ..	5,672	4,366	5,196	1,832	1,724	533	..	..	19,323
TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.									
1938-39 ..	299,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1951-52 ..	305,748	267,129	211,062	68,902	63,441	26,474	3,389	2,936	949,081
1952-53 ..	370,652	294,702	292,349	89,585	71,776	27,624	3,317	2,826	1,152,831
1953-54 ..	374,543	292,532	299,181	85,960	69,475	24,769	3,418	2,888	1,152,766
1954-55 ..	370,992	320,388	313,745	92,399	74,373	29,000	3,517	3,067	1,207,481
1955-56(a) ..	376,787	299,871	335,177	90,918	78,949	30,905	3,388	3,060	1,219,055
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1955(a) ..	198,235	162,144	193,744	50,025	43,465	15,098	1,635	1,530	665,926
Dec., 1956(a) ..	184,355	145,444	179,221	48,708	42,421	16,490	1,746	1,658	620,043

(a) Subject to revision.
weight.

(b) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

MINING AND QUARRYING—VALUE OF OUTPUT^(a).
(£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
1955.								
Metal Mining—								
Gold Mining ..	283	640	295	1	13,450	..	866	15,535
Iron Ore Mining ..	..	..	..	(b)	(b)	..	..	4,004
Silver-Lead-Zinc Mining	31,950	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	2,669	..	49,143
Copper-Gold Mining ..	23	..	(b)	..	1	(b)	611	6,559
Tin Mining ..	216	..	575	..	90	1,128	3	2,012
Mineral Sands Mining	2,120	..	1,295	..	..	..	..	3,415
Other Metal Mining ..	78	20	(b)	86	613	(b)	146	3,748
Total Metal Mining	34,670	660	19,303	3,588	14,726	9,843	1,626	84,416
Fuel Mining—								
Black Coal Mining ..	41,716	815	6,729	778	3,089	611	..	53,738
Brown Coal Mining ..	..	4,381	..	..	..	..	..	4,381
Total Fuel Mining..	41,716	5,196	6,729	778	3,089	611	..	58,119
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel)								
Mining and Construction Material Quarrying								
(c)	7,858	5,060	860	6,005	1,931	290	65	(d)22,194
Total All Mining and Quarrying ..	84,244	10,916	26,892	10,371	19,746	10,744	1,691	d164,729
1954(c)	78,202	10,080	21,603	8,553	20,741	8,955	1,145	d 149,382
1953(c)	72,346	9,329	17,284	6,203	20,011	8,037	1,221	d 134,542
1952(c)	77,097	8,535	17,429	6,047	17,704	8,750	1,282	136,844
1951(c)	67,877	6,949	10,922	4,938	13,474	10,552	(e)	114,712
1950(c)	46,102	5,274	10,829	4,428	12,037	7,049	(e)	85,719
1939(c)	12,914	2,789	3,438	3,648	12,496	2,145	(e)	37,430

(a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry) from 1952. For years prior to 1952 totals have been estimated by Government Statisticians in each State using values of individual products recorded by Mines Departments and other relevant data. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (e) Not available.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Principal Metallic Contents of Minerals Produced.							Coal.	
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten. (a)	Zinc.	Black.	Brown.
	tons	'000 f. oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons
QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.(b)									
New South Wales	1,131	7	..	65	56	1	61	4,236	..
Victoria ..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	31	2,881
Queensland ..	8,861	12	..	12	105	6	4	758	..
South Australia ..	..	..	587	..	..	..	..	134	..
Western Australia	8	216	53	1	37	..	..	239	..
Tasmania	2,123	5	..	4	288	453	9	86	..
Northern Territory	1,213	19	..	..	..	35	..	..	..
Australia—									
Sept. Qtr. 1956	13,336	269	640	82	486	495	74	5,484	2,881
Sept. Qtr. 1955	11,811	257	616	85	561	426	76	5,480	2,728
Year—									
1955 ..	45,496	1,049	(c) 2,304	296	2,017	1,482	257	19,275	10,112
1954 ..	40,857	1,118	(c) 2,274	285	2,075	1,372	253	19,763	9,331
1953 ..	36,585	1,075	(c) 2,132	269	1,553	1,406	239	18,411	8,257
1952 ..	18,578	980	(c) 1,883	228	1,610	1,282	196	19,404	8,104
1951 ..	17,926	896	(c) 1,605	212	1,559	1,112	189	17,608	7,886

(a) In terms of WO₃ (tungstic trioxide).

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Estimated.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Em- ployed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, &c., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used. (c)	(6) Value of Pro- duction. (d)	(7) Value of Output. (e)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39 ..	26,941	565,106	106,743	15,700	281,303	203,417	500,420	274,583
1951-52 ..	45,844	977,517	611,789	96,629	1,513,210	1,024,867	2,634,706	769,634
1952-53 ..	47,740	933,261	635,245	109,337	1,527,805	1,082,862	2,720,004	907,980
1953-54 ..	49,576	989,542	705,137	120,458	1,747,973	1,227,045	3,095,476	1,064,146
1954-55 ..	51,056	1,031,082	781,640	128,382	1,940,698	1,365,509	3,434,589	1,254,288
1955-56 (f) ..	52,359	1,061,166	853,025	139,139	2,127,165	1,494,790	3,761,094	1,456,166

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Includes value of containers, packing, &c., tools replaced and repairs to plant. (d) Value of production equals figures in column (7) less total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (e) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done. (f) Preliminary—subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Persons employed(a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) .. £'000.	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,743
4. Value of fuel, &c. used ..	7,652	4,000	1,423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
5. " materials used ..	120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,303
6. " production(c) ..	90,266	65,996	19,302	13,678	8,776	5,399	203,417
7. " output ..	218,420	152,967	63,321	35,005	19,549	11,158	500,420
8. " land & buildings..	57,354	42,026	12,299	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,921
9. " plant & mchnry..	62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	143,662
1954-55.							
1. Factories .. No.	20,837	15,861	5,284	3,750	3,727	1,597	51,056
2. Persons employed(a) ..	419,810	346,648	100,293	89,565	49,314	25,452	1,031,082
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) .. £'000.	326,615	262,750	68,300	70,373	34,738	18,864	781,640
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	60,925	31,767	11,620	12,897	8,046	3,127	128,382
5. " materials used ..	802,617	616,666	224,336	169,136	80,583	47,360	1,940,698
6. " production(c) ..	583,127	452,223	120,061	111,028	60,956	38,114	1,365,509
7. " output ..	1,446,669	1,100,656	356,017	293,061	149,585	88,601	3,434,589
8. " land & buildings..	221,519	186,324	46,187	42,133	30,230	29,603	555,996
9. " plant & mchnry..	258,596	226,347	76,367	52,145	54,958	29,879	698,292
1955-56. (d)							
1. Factories .. No.	21,602	16,053	5,343	3,908	3,859	1,594	52,359
2. Persons employed(a) ..	433,679	355,185	102,318	92,589	50,333	27,062	1,061,166
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) .. £'000.	359,023	286,944	72,208	76,237	37,015	21,598	853,025
4. Value of fuel, &c., used..	66,569	34,598	11,975	12,830	9,070	4,097	139,139
5. " materials used ..	886,082	674,846	233,247	183,195	96,044	53,751	2,127,165
6. " production(c) ..	641,796	491,948	124,867	120,936	69,312	45,931	1,494,790
7. " output ..	1,594,447	1,201,392	370,089	316,961	174,426	103,779	3,761,094
8. " land & buildings..	260,267	214,921	52,188	48,353	33,998	46,579	656,306
9. " plant & mchnry..	298,913	258,296	83,427	63,597	55,202	40,425	799,860

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5. (d) Preliminary—subject to revision.

Value of Production(a)—Australia.
(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1933-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	5,146	23,287	26,567	31,504
II. Bricks Pottery, Glass, &c.	5,572	22,170	26,229	30,306
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	12,456	67,835	82,317	98,126
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	62,435	421,275	468,298	532,969
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	931	5,239	6,406	6,857
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	10,918	64,833	78,558	78,394
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	3,183	15,838	16,013	16,917
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted)	16,551	82,786	93,563	98,417
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	41,601	164,333	177,881	186,539
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, &c., Wood Turning and Carving	9,461	58,245	65,731	74,237
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, &c.	4,200	19,315	21,387	23,657
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c.	14,559	68,293	79,312	90,540
XIII. Rubber	2,761	16,627	21,102	22,725
XIV. Musical Instruments	136	1,378	1,845	2,065
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,098	18,353	23,037	25,585
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	33,055	38,219	46,071
Total	203,417	1,082,862	1,227,045	1,365,509

(a) See note (c) on previous page.

Total value of Production in 1955-56 was £1,494,790,000—Dissection by classes of industry is not yet available.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)
(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1951-52—Males	756.84	736.68	625.91	716.25	643.68	687.09	725.57
Females	428.40	436.60	354.96	405.70	351.30	404.71	422.04
1952-53—Males	807.77	793.11	701.45	779.90	711.80	761.21	782.87
Females	473.28	483.46	400.48	451.80	400.32	448.58	467.79
1953-54—Males	844.05	833.71	733.34	824.49	754.20	791.86	820.98
Females	499.19	510.96	418.23	465.95	421.93	477.84	493.10
1954-55—Males	906.61	891.40	773.47	883.13	797.80	833.05	877.84
Females	514.94	529.63	431.68	477.11	434.21	487.12	509.56
1955-56—Males	965.87	955.00	801.78	925.46	835.22	904.78	933.00
Females	539.58	547.42	444.08	496.84	442.22	500.10	529.96

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1955-56.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males	327,612	258,006	84,874	76,144	43,364	22,128	812,128
Females	106,067	97,179	17,444	16,445	6,969	4,934	249,038
Masculinity(b)	309	265	487	463	622	448	326

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Number of males per 100 females.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.(a)	Six Months ended December.(a)	
							1955.	1956.
Beer.. ..	Mill. gal.	89	192	209	222	(b) 233	(b) 124	(b) 118
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	73.7	148.3	150.5	150.8	155.7	81.0	81.7
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	939	1,202	1,532	1,633	803	798
Boots, Shoes and Sandals ..	'000 pair.	13,967	17,970	20,476	19,881	19,710	10,644	11,429
Bricks, Clay	Million.	721	667	802	839	829	441	405
Cement Building Sheets ..	Mill. sq. yds.	9.5	24.3	26.1	28.1	27.4	14.5	12.2
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	868	1,439	1,700	1,920	2,014	1,028	1,118
Cloth, Woven, Woollen(c) ..	Mill. sq. yds.	31.8	28.6	32.8	23.9	26.9	13.3	16.2
Coal—Black	'000 tons	12,608	18,545	19,424	19,352	19,033	10,253	10,512
Brown	" "	3,663	8,075	8,731	9,668	10,383	5,271	5,448
Confectionery—Chocolate ..	Mill. lb.	43.5	59.0	62.6	56.9	61.5	29.8	32.3
Other	" "	58.1	76.6	76.9	81.5	83.1	44.3	47.3
Copper, Refined(d)	'000 tons	17.5	19.1	20.9	30.4	24.5	13.4	15.4
Electricity	Mill. kWh	4,688	12,045	13,707	15,172	16,782	8,506	9,225
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	601.7	972.9	1183.0	1094.1	614.0	477.9
Enamels, Natural and Synthetic	'000 gal.	575	2,108	2,699	3,642	4,118	2,182	2,256
Engines, Internal Combustion—								
Marine(e)	Number	2,957	1,232	1,357	1,380	1,173	721	664
Other(f)	" "	2,889	21,446	27,467	48,292	97,095	37,265	96,998
Fibrous Plaster Sheets ..	'000 sq. yds.	7,605	15,418	16,185	17,784	17,099	8,968	7,918
Flour, Wheat	'000 short tons	1,373	1,726	1,609	1,533	1,534	763	864
Fruit, Preserved(g)	Mill. lb.	150.7	228.4	338.6	319.2	300.4	41.0	32.4
Gas(h)	Mill. cub. ft.	21,472	40,722	42,100	43,465	44,629	23,946	24,817
Gold (Mine Production) ..	'000 fine oz.	1,621	1,038	1,111	1,080	1,033	537	535
Hosiery—Men's and Boy's	'000 doz pr.	1,102	1,575	1,895	1,664	1,553	792	2,719
Women's and Girls'	" "	2,747	2,759	3,363	3,549	3,335	1,704	
Children's	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Ice Cream	'000 gal.	4,262	13,425	13,678	14,812	16,023	7,818	7,882
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron ..	'000 tons	1,105	1,692	1,827	1,869	1,910	906	1,049
Ingot Steel	" "	1,170	1,801	2,117	2,209	2,339	1,162	1,387
Jam	'000 gal.	37.9	34.6	38.3	36.5	36.7	13.7	14.4
Lacquers	'000 gal.	576	1,013	1,307	1,474	1,496	766	697
Lead(i)	'000 tons	233	192	236	235	221	112	128
Malt, Barley and Wheat ..	'000 bush.	3,733	6,793	7,253	7,663	7,875	4,058	3,970
Margarine—Table	'000 lb.	7,443	15,856	21,866	21,972	29,012	13,815	18,510
Other	" "	31,221	49,337	49,939	49,171	43,384	22,945	22,635
Meat, Canned(j)	'000 tons	14.4	92.7	71.9	73.8	72.4	40.0	29.9
Newsprint	" "	" "	34.0	60.4	73.6	79.0	39.1	38.9
Paints, Ready Mixed	'000 gal.	2,115	4,300	5,180	6,097	6,574	3,362	3,326
Refrigerators, Domestic ..	Thousand	29.5	182.1	274.5	280.6	248.0	155.1	117.7
Silver, Refined	'000 fine oz.	9,455	6,388	8,360	7,627	8,136	4,131	4,259
Slippers	'000 pr.	7,704	6,982	8,632	7,324	7,988	4,052	3,802
Soap	'000 cwt.	998	1,209	1,247	1,300	1,298	662	609
Stoves, Cooking(k) Electric (l)	Thousand	(m)	22.5	37.2	47.1	46.5	24.8	28.6
Gas	" "	46.7	35.7	43.0	58.8	54.1	34.8	30.5
Solid Fuel	" "	54.5	47.0	50.4	49.8	45.9	24.7	23.4
Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	339	440	449	482	492	251	247
Sulphate of Ammonia	" "	24.3	70.2	70.8	78.4	75.0	37.3	56.4
Sulphuric Acid (100%) ..	" "	489	627	732	835	895	444	384
Superphosphate	" "	1,199	1,581	1,771	1,961	2,126	1,023	802
Tiles, Roofing—Terracotta ..	Million	39.7	58.0	63.8	63.9	64.6	34.1	30.1
Cement	" "	4.5	46.9	44.7	53.5	53.1	28.4	22.7
Timber, Sawn Native(n) ..	Mill. sup. ft.	717	1,340	1,400	1,449	1,454	781	770
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill lb.	23.3	36.3	41.8	44.5	45.7	23.1	24.2
Vegetables, Preserved(o) ..	" "	10.3	66.3	40.3	51.1	78.1	33.7	38.6
Wool, Scoured	" "	105	124	137	136	144	69	76
Wool Tops	" "	25.2	26.5	32.8	30.9	35.2	16.4	20.9
Yarn, Woollen and Worsted ..	" "	32.5	35.6	45.9	42.6	43.9	21.4	23.8
Zinc, Refined	'000 tons	69.8	86.2	99.2	100.5	103.9	53.5	54.6

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Includes wool in admixture with fibres other than rayon. (d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (e) Other than Diesel type. (f) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (g) Includes all types of preserved apples. (h) Made in gas-works only. (i) Includes lead content of lead bullion. (j) Excludes canned rabbit and poultry. (k) Domestic. (l) Excludes stoves, cookers, &c. (m) Figures prior to 1943-49 not available on a comparable basis. (n) Includes sawn sleepers. (o) Includes preserved tomatoes.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION^(a)—AUSTRALIA.^(b)

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (d)	1954-55. (e)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture..	41,679	218,703	208,130	246,685	276,398	268,460	243,919
Pastoral(f) ..	63,820	337,121	704,809	400,493	493,745	491,716	461,464
Dairying ..	33,782	81,102	89,352	103,776	135,745	136,956	135,798
Poultry ..	7,302	22,228	24,614	31,554	35,213	34,782	29,787
Bee-farming(g) ..	123	743	831	774	1,066	1,426	1,398
Total Rural ..	146,706	659,897	1,027,736	783,282	942,167	933,340	872,366
Trapping(g) ..	1,422	5,716	6,629	6,713	5,595	5,074	4,961
Forestry(g) ..	7,811	23,195	23,423	37,905	40,064	41,720	44,163
Fishing and Whaling(g)	1,654	4,234	4,869	5,729	6,897	7,741	8,727
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	52,327	71,150	97,199	109,671	104,875	118,066
Total Non-Rural ..	38,262	85,472	111,076	147,546	162,227	159,410	175,917
Total All Primary ..	184,968	745,369	1,138,812	930,828	1,104,394	1,092,750	1,048,283
Factories ..	203,417	661,532	843,872	1,024,367	1,082,802	1,227,045	1,365,509
Total All Industries	388,385	1,406,901	1,982,684	1,955,695	2,187,256	2,319,795	2,413,792

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture	6 0 6	27 6 2	25 3 8	29 1 3	31 16 1	30 6 4	26 16 8
Pastoral(f) ..	9 4 7	42 1 11	85 5 7	47 3 8	56 16 2	55 10 7	50 15 4
Dairying ..	4 17 9	10 2 6	10 16 3	12 4 6	15 12 4	15 9 4	14 18 9
Poultry ..	1 1 1	2 15 7	2 19 7	3 14 4	4 1 1	3 18 7	3 5 6
Bee-farming(g) ..	0 0 4	0 1 11	0 2 0	0 1 10	0 2 5	0 3 2	0 3 1
Total Rural ..	21 4 3	82 8 1	124 7 1	92 5 7	108 8 1	105 8 0	95 19 4
Trapping(g) ..	0 4 1	0 14 3	0 16 1	0 15 10	0 12 11	0 11 6	0 10 11
Forestry(g) ..	1 2 7	2 17 11	3 8 10	4 9 3	4 12 2	4 14 3	4 17 2
Fishing and Whaling(g)	0 4 10	0 10 7	0 11 9	0 13 6	0 15 11	0 17 6	0 19 3
Mining and Quarrying	3 19 2	6 10 9	8 12 2	11 9 0	12 12 4	11 16 10	12 10 9
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 8	10 13 6	13 8 10	17 7 7	18 13 4	18 0 1	19 7 1
Total All Primary ..	26 14 11	93 1 7	137 15 11	109 13 2	127 1 5	123 8 1	115 6 5
Factories ..	29 8 4	82 12 2	102 2 2	120 14 10	124 11 11	138 11 5	150 4 4
Total All Industries	56 3 3	175 13 9	239 18 1	230 8 0	251 13 4	261 19 6	265 10 9

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c.

Northern Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory

Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory

Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

Wartime Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and

Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying.

(d) Includes

Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory

for Mining and Quarrying.

(e) Includes

(f) Distributions of profits from the 1939-45

(g) Local value.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a) 1954-55.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture ..	48,711	61,516	59,656	39,180	23,483	11,240	243,919
Pastoral(c) ..	175,446	112,196	82,180	45,220	36,194	7,647	461,464
Dairying ..	44,748	46,428	25,070	10,666	3,226	5,510	135,798
Poultry ..	12,839	11,796	1,097	1,706	1,363	881	29,787
Bee-farming(d) ..	736	353	70	126	97	15	1,398
Total Rural ..	282,480	232,289	168,073	96,898	64,363	25,293	872,366
Trapping(d) ..	1,923	2,152	152	379	168	165	4,961
Forestry(d) ..	13,686	9,987	7,895	4,427	3,866	4,037	44,163
Fishing and Whaling(d)	2,739	849	1,275	1,046	2,149	556	8,727
Mining and Quarrying ..	63,965	8,146	15,934	7,074	14,782	7,057	118,066
Total Non-rural ..	82,313	21,134	25,256	12,926	20,965	11,815	175,917
Total All Primary ..	364,793	253,423	193,329	109,824	85,328	37,108	1,048,283
Factories ..	583,127	452,223	120,061	111,028	60,956	38,114	1,365,509
Total All Industries..	947,920	705,646	313,390	220,852	146,284	75,222	2,413,792

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (£ s. d.)

Agriculture ..	14 1 7	24 14 6	45 0 3	48 10 5	36 3 9	35 18 3	26 16 8
Pastoral(c) ..	50 14 4	45 1 10	62 0 1	56 0 0	55 15 6	24 8 8	50 15 4
Dairying ..	12 18 8	18 13 2	18 18 4	13 4 2	4 19 5	17 12 1	14 18 9
Poultry ..	3 14 3	4 14 10	0 16 7	2 2 3	2 2 0	2 16 3	3 5 6
Bee-farming(d) ..	0 4 3	0 2 10	0 1 1	0 3 1	0 3 0	0 1 0	0 3 1
Total Rural ..	81 13 1	93 7 2	126 16 4	119 19 11	99 3 8	80 16 3	95 19 4
Trapping(d) ..	0 11 2	0 17 4	0 2 3	0 9 5	0 5 2	0 10 7	0 10 11
Forestry(d) ..	3 19 1	4 0 3	5 19 2	5 9 8	5 19 2	12 17 11	4 17 2
Fishing and Whaling(d)	0 15 10	0 6 10	0 19 3	1 5 11	3 6 3	1 15 6	0 19 3
Mining and Quarrying ..	18 9 9	3 5 6	12 0 6	8 15 2	22 15 7	22 11 0	12 19 9
Total Non-Rural ..	23 15 10	8 9 11	19 1 2	16 0 2	32 6 2	37 15 0	19 7 1
Total All Primary ..	105 8 11	101 17 1	145 17 6	136 0 1	131 9 10	118 11 3	115 6 5
Factories ..	168 11 1	181 15 1	90 11 9	137 9 11	93 18 8	121 15 6	150 4 4
Total All Industries..	274 0 0	283 12 2	236 9 3	273 10 0	225 8 6	240 6 9	265 10 9

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(c) Distributions of profits from the War time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded.

(d) Local value.

INDEXES OF QUANTUM(a) OF FARM PRODUCTION.

(Base: Average 1936-37 to 1938-39=100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1950-51 ..	108	109	106	109	116	107
1951-52 ..	103	105	97	103	112	100
1952-53 ..	121	126	108	121	131	118
1953-54 ..	129	123	107	122	128	120
1954-55(b) ..	120	127	117	123	132	120

(a) Indexes of Value at constant prices, i.e. quantities revalued at average unit values of base year 1936-37 to 1938-39.

(b) Subject to revision.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, SIX MONTHS ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1956.(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
Houses ..	33,588	34,955	9,296	12,105	7,519	4,320	1,861	765	104,409
Flats ..	1,280	998	182	222	565	193	443	(a)	3,883
Shops ..	2,220	1,998	840	396	434	149	96	82	6,215
Business Premises—									
Office ..	3,540	1,693	982	510	168	130	390	72	7,409
Other ..	2,378	2,710	1,669	784	1,067	186			8,870
Factories ..	7,420	7,615	574	1,196	387	269	49	46	17,556
Hotels, Guest Houses, &c. ..	1,867	1,363	409	..	308	(b)			3,977
Educational ..	2,613	1,766	862	636	328	132			6,462
Religious ..	790	469	88	205	239	(b)			1,835
Health ..	1,544	2,578	972	227	438	92	1,325	472	6,979
Entertainment and Recreation ..	1,988	1,204	365	230	387	112			4,299
Miscellaneous ..	2,774	716	720	348	599	343			5,991
Total ..	62,002	58,065	16,959	16,859	12,439	5,960	4,164	1,437	177,885

(a) Included with houses.

(b) Not available for publication.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
COMMENCED.									
1951-52 ..	83,460	78,740	27,605	22,606	18,724	11,004	2,559	(a)	244,698
1952-53 ..	71,005	60,244	25,680	25,819	20,919	6,611	2,788	(a)	213,066
1953-54 ..	111,097	87,733	27,839	25,649	26,369	9,224	2,866	(a)	290,767
1954-55 ..	124,420	101,995	32,073	29,946	35,458	10,836	5,932	1,605	342,265
1955-56 ..	139,800	121,570	35,024	43,202	26,972	9,889	4,708	2,300	379,465
Six months ended—									
December, 1955 ..	68,171	57,837	17,068	24,050	15,019	4,749	3,455	1,174	191,523
December, 1956 ..	71,852	54,398	22,224	15,043	9,946	7,019	1,977	1,193	183,652

COMPLETED.

1951-52 ..	76,207	68,925	25,339	18,123	14,426	10,511	2,723	(a)	216,254
1952-53 ..	98,049	76,593	26,233	25,882	22,918	10,665	2,875	(a)	263,215
1953-54 ..	101,545	85,250	25,913	26,108	25,785	9,692	3,878	(a)	278,171
1954-55 ..	110,694	97,886	28,318	27,081	34,096	10,649	2,943	1,653	313,320
1955-56 ..	124,138	110,932	30,519	33,717	33,678	12,798	4,287	1,935	352,004
Six months ended—									
December, 1955 ..	63,651	54,201	16,011	15,747	18,596	6,330	2,184	1,021	177,741
December, 1956 ..	62,002	58,065	16,959	16,859	12,439	5,960	4,164	1,437	177,885

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1951-52 ..	(b) 125,674	102,278	18,728	23,813	22,302	13,770	6,203	(b)	312,773
1952-53 ..	105,261	93,139	17,838	25,253	23,189	10,494	7,161	(b)	282,335
1953-54 ..	120,460	99,372	19,699	23,730	25,701	11,782	7,249	(b)	307,993
1954-55 ..	136,522	106,196	23,446	26,854	29,102	12,399	10,643	1,573	346,735
1955-56 ..	157,617	123,445	28,210	36,996	25,550	9,864	11,240	1,967	394,889
December, 1955 ..	145,482	111,919	24,727	35,517	28,202	10,968	12,007	1,741	370,563
December, 1956 ..	167,176	122,174	33,970	36,724	24,160	11,123	9,290	1,742	406,359

(a) Not available.

(b) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, SIX MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	2,344	3,699	283	3,105	1,483	420	307	23	11,664
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.) ..	3,282	6,252	2,657	62	14	1,101	90	5	13,463
Fibro Cement ..	5,249	589	685	681	1,077	37	3	156	8,477
Other ..	16	276	35	7	3	..	..	1	338
Total ..	10,891	10,816	3,660	3,855	2,577	1,558	400	185	33,942

(a) Includes flats.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES. (INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
COMMENCED.									
1951-52 ..	24,364	23,506	11,995	8,510	7,730	3,584	312	(b)	80,001
1952-53 ..	21,030	16,254	9,381	7,967	7,012	2,285	528	(b)	64,457
1953-54 ..	28,395	20,915	8,513	6,792	7,608	2,665	355	(b)	75,243
1954-55 ..	25,502	22,674	7,784	7,190	8,575	2,867	640	249	75,481
1955-56 ..	24,437	21,245	7,173	8,377	6,336	2,490	499	341	70,898
Six months ended—									
December, 1955 ..	13,130	10,759	3,740	4,469	3,634	1,234	337	158	37,461
December, 1956 ..	11,715	9,655	4,343	3,555	2,425	1,120	199	185	33,197

COMPLETED.

1951-52 ..	23,351	24,088	11,803	7,711	6,577	3,999	584	(b)	78,113
1952-53 ..	24,890	21,241	10,598	8,940	7,965	3,314	590	(b)	77,538
1953-54 ..	26,513	21,593	8,961	7,522	7,627	2,630	552	(b)	75,398
1954-55 ..	28,882	23,839	7,925	7,323	8,792	2,480	398	199	79,838
1955-56 ..	26,369	22,652	7,396	7,721	7,760	2,721	605	312	75,536
Six months ended—									
December, 1955 ..	13,506	12,020	3,904	3,903	4,290	1,294	288	156	39,361
December, 1956 ..	10,891	10,816	3,660	3,855	2,577	1,558	400	185	33,942

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1951-52 ..	(c) 32,806	26,726	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	(b)	(c) 82,830
1952-53 ..	28,946	21,675	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	(b)	69,714
1953-54 ..	30,828	20,995	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	449	(b)	69,573
1954-55 ..	27,448	19,827	3,329	5,602	5,715	2,536	691	211	65,359
1955-56 ..	25,516	18,399	3,106	6,252	4,284	2,305	585	240	60,687
December, 1955 ..	27,072	18,566	3,165	6,165	5,052	2,476	740	213	63,449
December, 1956 ..	26,340	17,238	3,789	5,944	4,132	1,867	384	240	59,934

(a) Includes flats.

(b) Not available.

(c) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a) (INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
1951-52 ..	1,225	416	29	..	215	21	100	(b)	2,006
1952-53 ..	1,604	692	53	58	100	14	46	(b)	2,627
1953-54 ..	1,011	689	156	99	212	13	..	(b)	2,180
1954-55 ..	701	781	309	105	316	48	12	(c)	2,272
1955-56 ..	776	1,273	200	86	584	49	..	(c)	2,968
Six months ended—									
December, 1955 ..	369	520	106	68	241	41	..	(c)	1,345
December, 1956(d)	532	351	95	88	281	56	130	(c)	1,533

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) Not available. (c) Included with houses. (d) In this period 1,044 flats were commenced, and 1,998 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

Section IV.—Oversea Trade.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	53,088	210,148	280,537	346,096	336,976
Victoria	40,463	173,775	237,683	297,494	299,340
Queensland	9,070	43,222	55,631	68,883	61,738
South Australia	6,670	43,275	51,472	64,804	62,752
Western Australia	6,137	29,874	42,595	50,648	46,482
Tasmania	1,292	13,315	13,049	15,129	12,641
Northern Territory	34	500	642	688	1,155
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4
Australia	116,754	514,109	681,609	843,742	821,088
EXPORTS.(a)					
New South Wales	45,903	270,082	263,175	220,657	225,650
Victoria	30,819	228,118	203,581	216,572	209,396
Queensland	28,652	145,098	165,105	154,433	152,145
South Australia	14,841	122,948	110,249	95,079	97,666
Western Australia	17,070	83,143	68,459	68,507	76,143
Tasmania	3,198	21,849	17,733	18,762	20,305
Northern Territory	13	34	30	104	559
Australia	140,496	871,272	828,332	774,164	781,864

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.
(f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.
1938-39 ..	£A'000 257,250	£A'000 116,754	£A'000 135,476	£A'000 5,020	£A'000 140,496	£ 37.1	£ 16.8	£ 19.6	£ 0.7	£ 20.3
1952-53 ..	1,385,381	514,109	863,291	7,981	871,272	158.6	58.9	98.8	0.9	99.7
1953-54 ..	1,509,941	681,609	820,057	8,275	828,332	169.6	76.6	92.1	0.9	93.0
1954-55 ..	1,617,906	843,742	765,883	8,281	774,164	178.0	92.8	84.3	0.9	85.2
1955-56 ..	1,602,952	821,088	768,090	13,774	781,864	172.1	88.1	82.5	1.5	84.0
Six months ended—										
Dec., 1955 ..	799,803	413,118	379,865	6,820	386,685	86.4	44.6	41.1	0.7	41.8
Dec., 1956 ..	819,420	359,773	452,109	7,538	459,647	86.4	37.9	47.7	0.8	48.5

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' stores in £A'000 were: 1938-39, £2,106; 1952-53, £11,696; 1953-54, £10,266; 1954-55, £13,181; and 1955-56, £13,539.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)		
	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
1938-39 ..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1952-53 ..	510,342	3,767	514,109	848,498	22,774	871,272	+338,156	+19,007	+357,163
1953-54 ..	678,500	3,019	681,609	811,866	16,466	828,332	+133,276	+13,447	+146,723
1954-55 ..	840,972	2,770	843,742	758,041	16,123	774,164	-82,931	+13,353	-69,578
1955-56 ..	818,293	2,795	821,088	770,837	11,027	781,864	-47,456	+8,232	-39,224
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1955 ..	412,297	821	413,118	377,035	9,650	386,685	-35,262	+8,829	-26,433
Dec., 1956 ..	358,513	1,260	359,773	447,055	12,592	459,647	+88,542	+11,332	+99,874

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Bahrein Islands.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Brazil.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	513	..	248	1	1	..	613	..	256	..	..	..
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	161	129	1	4,191	1,013	106	202	12	8	..	3	157
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	682	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	231	..	61	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	9	12
5. Live animals ..	46	..	..	..	9	5	194	..	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs ..	122	..	13	..	377	..	612	..	22	..	..	..
7. Vegetable .. substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres	383	24	7	108	615	63	353	2	224	..	178	187
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	20,036	..	32	9	9,149	3	11	..	172	..	1,026	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	648	5,055	..	..	1,210	27	52	413	172	2,848	298	51
10. Pigments, paints varnishes ..	1,566	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	195	..	499	12	34	34	6	..	549	..	5	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	86,173	..	4,775	..	23	181	115	22	47	..	1,173	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	1,352	11	307	28	24	4,004	21	27	1	..	1	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	143	779	2,386	..	8	743	780	3	..	..	14	210
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	3,745	..	128	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	699	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	10,210	..	1,968	..	81	..	2,662	..	24	..	56	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	1,211	..	1	5	14	..	2	..	212	..	104	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	2,542	..	122	..	..	..	3	2	5	..	38	..
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products etc.	6,834	..	167	16	8	4	24	..	151	..	156	1
20. Miscellaneous ..	11,049	3	1,091	112	120	48	199	20	169	..	150	5
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	200	..	..	..	..	..
Six months ended—												
December, 1956 ..	147,842	6,001	11,831	4,482	12,686	5,218	6,001	501	1,846	2,848	3,917	623
December, 1955 ..	177,949	4,260	12,607	4,469	13,454	8,984	4,073	870	2,151	8,647	5,560	645
Year 1955-56 ..	355,012	9,801	23,306	8,632	23,469	16,230	8,531	1,453	4,001	14,862	11,579	1,332
„ 1954-55 ..	378,669	15,521	23,840	19,516	26,057	12,797	8,042	2,492	4,349	15,319	12,234	2,132
„ 1953-54 ..	331,701	8,439	18,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	8,599	3,375	16,410	7,063	1,851
„ 1952-53 ..	214,702	5,998	19,546	9,786	14,646	5,798	3,999	5,858	3,101	14,912	5,506	901
„ 1938-39 ..	46,094	215	8,806	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	(a)	291	744	1,122	81

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	Czecho- slovakia.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Iran.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total All Coun- tries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	1	3	90	..	36	539	17	263	..	4	84	2,889
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	6	72	52	1,999	422	5	260	3	..	2	5	11,811
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	61	5	..	13	..	4	..	..	..	3	794
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	2	8	..	..	66	..	..	..	1,155	5,812
5. Live animals ..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	275
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	..	28	5	..	12	7	18	6	..	11	41	1,797
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures; and synthetic fibres ..	1	40	295	302	200	49	52	17	16	37	1,960	9,301
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	655	1,378	1,858	5	1,646	3,131	1,460	57	3	45	234	45,352
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	148	80	8,752	171	1	76	10	10,794	7	3,422	46,222
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	4	303	..	102	345	32	2	..	..	576	3,210
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	..	2	29	33	22	3	14	5	..	17	990	2,973
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	167	1,661	7,482	1	933	1,101	1,575	573	..	1,757	24,316	133,967
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	1	83	61	..	102	8	2	..	..	21	1,578	8,369
14. Wood and Wicker ..	12	12	21	86	17	64	6	382	..	550	2,327	9,627
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	140	199	361	..	48	518	29	13	..	72	382	6,619
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	126	21	431	..	95	92	279	693	..	2,735	885	21,847
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	80	49	903	..	86	367	36	28	..	16	19	4,120
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	12	45	670	..	87	110	83	..	..	15	1,089	5,076
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc. ..	2	568	2,506	2	164	70	831	92	..	96	1,022	15,301
20. Miscellaneous ..	94	226	1,476	115	422	251	572	64	..	385	3,581	23,151
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1,260
Six months ended—												
December, 1956 ..	1,297	4,606	16,630	11,303	4,578	6,661	5,412	2,208	10,814	5,770	45,680	359,773
December, 1955 ..	1,377	8,408	17,174	10,623	6,385	13,159	6,989	2,624	7,282	6,463	46,647	413,113
Year 1955-56 ..	2,728	15,626	34,998	22,401	11,821	22,592	13,233	5,786	22,819	12,048	98,790	821,088
„ 1954-55 ..	2,331	14,689	30,838	22,529	11,740	18,422	13,081	6,510	5,934	13,516	102,157	843,742
„ 1953-54 ..	2,147	11,793	21,365	21,972	11,182	6,545	9,618	4,737	47	10,230	73,254	681,609
„ 1952-53 ..	1,019	9,253	13,582	21,544	5,225	4,692	5,954	2,420	323	6,786	85,168	514,109
„ 1938-39 ..	572	1,172	(a) 4,710	8,117	781	4,666	799	432	956	1,079	16,699	(b) 116,754

(a) Pre-War Germany.

(b) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Ireland, Republic of.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Egypt.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	33,783	913	910	815	1,070	..	1,866	47	2,647	15	544	121
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	27,784	4,884	3,488	1,579	11,635	..	1,581	7,258	1,484	17	540	76
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	315	205	1	5	4	..	31	63	19	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	45	..	1	..	1	..	..	56	14	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	3	..	..	14	9	..	12	77	235	1	2	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs ..	55,781	1,173	14	789	875	897	..	187	3	354	13,251	57
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	377	6	1	..	8	..	..	97	..	9	41	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	117	14	..	12	358	..	2	388	9	2	3	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	1,157	1	415	16	200	..	197	837	1,075	50	20	20
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	2	5	1	11	..	..	6	186	14	..	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	2,375	35	1	..	6	..	13	259	6	36	1,754	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	10,249	352	137	497	2,561	11	452	8,203	726	573	98	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	973	3	4	233	9	..	21	193	77	36	3	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	319	16	3	16	7	2	1	947	4	21	3	..
15. Earthenware, cement, china glass and stoneware ..	8	..	..	..	26	..	..	230	10	2	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	162	1	6	..	5	..	12	1,009	25	23	1	..
17. Sporting-material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-pieces ..	46	5	8	9	1	..	..	103	1	23	2	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	38	3	..	6	3	..	4	349	11	16	2	..
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc. ..	153	11	18	35	44	..	92	749	116	43	6	5
20. Miscellaneous ..	719	40	76	619	40	2	230	1,749	635	41	2	6
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	561	..	763	8,202	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	..
Six months ended—												
December, 1956 ..	134,967	7,667	5,847	12,858	16,862	912	4,520	23,028	7,111	1,262	16,172	285
December, 1955 ..	132,150	6,911	5,013	10,940	3,532	786	4,925	21,793	5,400	1,303	12,728	827
Year 1955-56 ..	257,414	10,911	8,687	14,053	12,159	1,536	9,337	40,928	12,100	2,438	26,173	1,774
" 1954-55 ..	285,506	10,503	8,723	17,315	19,428	3,292	8,410	37,794	11,600	2,869	31,252	1,878
" 1953-54 ..	300,765	11,037	11,847	7,773	14,293	2,186	9,143	33,469	11,288	3,588	32,663	3,073
" 1952-53 ..	359,257	8,712	14,687	4,855	17,148	4,354	9,344	28,677	12,794	3,640	32,141	3,374
" 1938-39 ..	68,716	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	327	1,911	6,682	(a)	813	5,547	601

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Iran.	Poland.	Sweden.	U.S.S.R.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	35	1,462	235	822	424	63	99	..	17	..	899	52,376
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	986	4,462	1,611	244	5,801	576	113	..	5	..	37	86,785
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1,032
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	269
5. Live animals ..	..	1	2	..	96	4	..	..	..	..	71	828
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	41,859	13,067	..	18,296	42,749	910	105	4,380	267	..	8,582	213,755
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures and synthetic fibres ..	6	78	7	8	2	54	..	..	8	..	394	1,203
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	6	18	..	174	151	4	..	..	..	..	30	1,291
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	2	322	5	217	104	311	..	..	6	..	25	7,366
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	23	35	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	11	555
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	245	484	..	284	2,179	514	..	..	152	..	6,616	15,846
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	44	211	784	142	4,388	251	1	18	11	..	11,261	45,690
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	5	11	10	1	2	..	..	9	..	8	1,903
14. Wood and wicker ..	1	4	1	..	..	32	5	..	..	..	15	1,648
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	1	1	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	531
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	2	..	9	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	18	1,502
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery, and time- pieces ..	2	25	..	..	39	3	..	..	..	..	42	357
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	1	33	3	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	66	586
19. Chemicals, Medicinal and phar- maceutical products, etc. ..	26	127	26	5	362	4	1	..	4	..	631	2,697
20. Miscellaneous ..	59	38	50	35	456	79	1	..	140	18	280	10,835
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,979	12,592
Six months ended—												
December, 1956 ..	43,275	20,361	2,786	20,245	56,758	2,810	325	4,401	619	18	31,969	459,647
December, 1955 ..	36,962	14,381	2,860	14,788	36,870	2,278	57	3,591	1,047	..	26,767	386,685
Year 1955-56 ..	67,314	36,431	6,705	34,621	86,490	6,192	744	8,253	3,481	..	55,004	781,864
„ 1954-55 ..	64,056	31,823	3,702	35,915	58,572	6,857	292	6,243	3,243	154	52,440	744,164
„ 1953-54 ..	74,401	27,096	6,585	51,326	55,698	5,578	198	7,286	3,601	26,146	55,534	828,332
„ 1952-53 ..	76,016	22,366	5,064	44,706	83,958	8,081	327	3,644	2,888	1,642	57,837	871,272
„ 1938-39 ..	9,386	(a) 2,652	1,380	1,211	4,865	1,039	3	426	637	278	19,562	140,496

(a) Pre-War Germany.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.
(£A'000.)

Statistical Class and Excise Division.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CUSTOMS.				
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	125	85	238	150
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	358	282	601	668
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	778	797	1,418	1,502
4. Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff	3,304	3,152	6,665	6,292
5. Live animals .. .. .	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs .. .. .	..	5	7	6
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	65	73	130	128
8a. Yarns and manufactured fibres	104	112	255	224
8b. Textiles	2,221	1,408	4,962	3,155
8c. Apparel	614	403	1,341	921
9. Oils, fats and waxes	5,045	3,404	9,838	6,870
10. Pigments, paints and varnishes	34	36	71	77
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons	10	4	20	13
12a. Metals and metal manufactures	3,084	2,246	6,378	5,203
12b. Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances, etc.	633	1,077	1,283	1,890
12c. Machines and machinery (except dynamo electrical)	2,009	1,640	3,914	3,612
13a. Rubber and rubber manufactures	298	208	670	486
13b. Leather and leather manufactures	25	17	52	40
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	369	361	842	739
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware	608	449	1,289	935
16a. Pulp, paper and board	153	109	327	254
16b. Paper manufactures and stationery	164	102	334	223
17. Sporting material, toys, jewellery and timepieces	870	552	1,880	1,193
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments, etc.	336	256	657	556
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc.	325	296	654	579
20. Miscellaneous goods (including passenger's baggage and Post Office collections)	638	486	1,321	1,035
Sundry undistributed duties	44	43	118	90
Duties under Industries Preservation Act	3	1	6	4
Customs other miscellaneous receipts	81	63	147	169
Total Customs	22,298	17,667	45,418	37,014
Primage	2,002	1,221	4,239	2,553
Total Customs and Primage	24,300	18,888	49,707	39,567
EXCISE.				
Beer	23,012	30,483	40,954	52,674
Spirits	1,773	2,142	3,756	4,517
Tobacco	3,519	4,522	7,176	8,847
Cigars and cigarettes	8,663	12,085	16,917	23,165
Petrol	4,478	8,915	8,653	17,586
Playing cards	11	12	24	26
Cigarette papers and tubes	238	233	463	459
Matches	275	290	549	558
Coal	161	166	311	325
Other Excise including licences	147	198	293	311
Total Excise	42,277	59,046	79,096	108,468
Total gross Customs, Primage and Excise revenue	66,577	77,934	128,803	148,035
Refunds and drawback paid	1,591	1,697	3,523	3,205
Total net Customs, Primage and Excise revenue	64,986	76,237	125,280	144,830

**VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM
AUSTRALIA.**

IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Cheese	72	41	186	108
Fish—				
Fresh or preserved by cold process ..	425	399	929	757
Preserved in airtight containers ..	1,181	839	2,329	1,386
Other	138	64	340	163
Lactose	48	57	90	110
Meats—				
Sausage casings (excluding synthetic)	96	95	201	174
Other	14	45	46	69
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	70	60	120	122
Total, Class I.	2,044	1,600	4,241	2,889
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Cocoa butter	192	152	647	363
Cocoa beans, mass, paste or slab ..	215	185	463	1,275
Coffee and chicory	401	706	656	1,345
Confectionery, including cocoa and choco- late	66	52	166	88
Fruit, dried, dates	1	2	13	3
Grain and pulse	100	49	180	142
Hops	102	48	158	64
Nuts, edible	221	200	625	493
Pickles and sauces	29	16	56	47
Sago and tapioca	15	11	54	24
Spices	156	211	349	385
Sugar and sugar syrups	16	91	23	98
Tea	3,905	2,873	5,432	6,789
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers	130	137	380	367
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	235	121	420	328
Total, Class II.	5,784	4,854	9,622	11,811
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry ..	9	5	17	9
Spirits (beverages)—				
Whisky	460	314	860	652
Other	112	35	209	89
Wine, fermented	36	23	65	44
Total, Class III.	617	377	1,151	794

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes	251	89	612	202
Cigars	36	33	66	70
Snuff	1	1	1	2
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	35	18	56	65
Unmanufactured	4,655	3,729	8,396	5,473
Total, Class IV.	4,978	3,870	9,131	5,812
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	55	97	239	275
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Coarse hair and fibre	296	194	494	367
Hides and skins—				
Calf and cattle	15	28	41	43
Furred skins	180	119	323	211
Goat	48	91	117	156
Other	38	14	52	36
Shells	64	32	123	78
Wool	375	282	723	724
Other animal substances	58	86	123	182
Total, Class VI.	1,074	846	1,996	1,797
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Copra	535	569	1,034	1,449
Cork and manufactures	132	158	305	286
Fibres—				
Coiir	62	47	116	100
Cotton, raw	1,886	1,882	3,138	3,492
Flax and hemp	126	134	143	218
Jute	181	131	335	271
Kapok	75	41	171	95
Sisal	441	399	658	739
Synthetic fibres and filaments	355	499	713	822
Other	31	37	61	73
Gums and resins	408	385	919	782
Seeds—				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	306	228	672	489
Linseed	27	..	136	..
Other oil seeds	14	25	18	47
Tanning substances	158	144	307	286
Other vegetable substances	65	89	143	152
Total, Class VII.	4,802	4,768	8,869	9,301

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	1,668	1,606	5,483	3,604
Woolpacks	229	806	901	1,909
Other	118	135	188	231
Cordage and twines and manufactures thereof	94	76	203	152
Sewing and other cotton	483	500	1,089	1,040
Yarns—				
Cotton	662	631	1,212	1,294
Hair	57	63	97	100
Synthetic fibre	2,349	1,832	4,674	4,270
Woollen	54	36	75	71
Other	32	49	87	84
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	7	10	13	24
Total, Class VIII.(a)	5,753	5,744	14,022	12,779
<i>(b) Textiles—</i>				
Blankets and blanketing	53	36	90	82
Floor coverings	2,697	1,570	5,515	3,319
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery—				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	418	241	985	570
Other	154	107	332	234
Piece-goods—				
Canvas and duck	340	249	684	569
Cotton and linen	7,117	6,192	17,788	15,079
Fabrics and felts, impregnated	247	178	475	338
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	757	880	1,790	1,580
Synthetic fibre	2,870	1,449	7,400	3,975
Silk	180	110	527	275
Velvets, velveteens, &c.	330	215	532	340
Woollen	476	256	705	439
Felts	174	134	328	312
Other	763	307	1,577	688
Towels and towelling	293	231	572	434
Other textiles	193	104	357	261
Total, Class VIII.(b)	17,062	12,259	39,657	28,495
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Buttons, including snap fasteners	82	67	164	130
Footwear	219	124	532	301
Garments—				
Knitted—				
Hosiery	191	72	311	127
Outerwear	54	38	104	57
Underwear	46	14	65	24
Other	54	40	90	65

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—continued.				
(c) <i>Apparel</i> —continued.				
Garments—continued.				
Not knitted—				
Outerwear	239	127	425	242
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments	106	82	223	190
Gloves	279	199	646	460
Hats and caps	223	157	460	384
Trimmings and ornaments—				
Embroidery in the piece ..	199	191	456	577
Lace, nets and veilings ..	447	295	1,228	715
Ribbons and galloons ..	68	38	159	92
Other	276	155	653	378
Other apparel	234	146	476	336
Total, Class VIII.(c)	2,717	1,745	5,992	4,078
Total, Class VIII.	25,532	19,748	59,671	45,352
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats, greases and waxes	196	179	415	431
Oils—				
Castor	76	50	95	115
Linseed	312	386	746	1,016
Olive	156	124	377	361
Peanut (china)	84	182	176	397
Petroleum—				
Crude	9,521	14,404	18,099	26,430
Kerosene (including aviation turbine fuel	1,598	1,554	3,684	3,383
Lubricating (mineral)	1,361	1,675	2,580	3,075
Residual and solar	1,362	487	3,916	1,250
Spirit	6,970	3,898	15,815	7,343
Turpentine substitutes	362	210	567	498
Other	570	333	761	1,117
Tung (china wood)	134	101	234	192
Other	186	304	478	614
Total, Class IX.	22,888	23,937	47,943	46,222
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Colour pigments—				
Black	544	343	760	657
Titanium oxide and titanium white ..	300	448	563	1,040
Other	189	165	364	413
Dyes, natural and synthetic, including lakes	496	492	988	977
Paints, colours and varnishes	72	62	140	123
Total, Class X.	1,601	1,510	2,815	3,210

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Abrasives (natural)	159	121	295	246
Asbestos	665	444	1,410	858
Sulphur	729	780	1,223	1,102
Other rocks, minerals, &c. .. .	381	359	749	767
Total, Class XI.	1,934	1,704	3,677	2,973
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)	1,299	774	2,407	2,086
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers ..	160	150	319	320
Chain and chains of base metal ..	181	178	368	367
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)—				
Pig	964	41	2,066	103
Other	476	143	828	410
Cutlery	638	444	1,286	943
Fencing posts and droppers ..	114	31	290	65
Heating and cooking appliances ..	384	168	702	398
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, &c...	4,241	1,413	7,638	3,472
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form)	487	268	759	762
Pig, scrap and powder	5	11	8	19
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	336	301	771	666
Plate and sheet—				
Galvanized	899	22	1,768	28
Plain	1,814	704	3,919	1,838
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	3,529	3,100	5,696	5,755
Structural	1,527	422	2,142	1,092
Kitchenware	145	51	262	112
Lamps and lampware	157	119	343	265
Leaf and foil	307	279	628	650
Meters and parts	648	532	1,157	1,139
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	78	57	175	114
Tin	147	151	186	188
Tools of trade	1,175	842	2,252	1,869
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and parts	2,112	2,412	3,507	5,509
Cycles and cycle parts	205	125	392	284
Motor cycles, side-cars, &c. ..	332	210	615	432
Motor vehicles—				
Complete	3,477	838	6,740	2,294
Bodies and parts	1,761	1,186	3,345	3,192
Chassis and parts	13,117	10,446	27,522	24,029
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts	225	322	602	551
Other and parts	849	779	1,792	1,740

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—continued.</i>				
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	1,018	217	2,059	660
Copper and copper base alloys ..	18	21	33	40
Other	82	111	168	224
Wire manufactures—*				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloy electrical conductor ..	75	..	163	2
Iron and steel	555	220	1,113	576
Other	13	7	20	12
Other metals and semi-manufactures†	552	343	915	968
Other metal manufactures ..	2,247	1,757	4,239	3,608
Total, Class XII.(a)	46,349	29,195	89,195	66,788
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators ..	107	94	184	214
Cable and wire, covered ..	504	143	1,079	380
Communication equipment including radio and television ..	1,266	1,810	2,465	3,619
Dynamo electric machines—				
Electric motors	1,007	728	1,732	1,522
Other	956	748	1,889	1,873
Heating and cooking appliances ..	380	210	768	404
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines—				
Sparking plugs and parts ..	78	70	183	138
Other	62	77	137	156
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, &c. ..	387	391	748	780
Measuring and recording instruments	305	192	781	381
Protective equipment	299	244	527	546
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus	1,405	1,608	2,594	3,143
Transformers and rectifiers ..	1,134	1,119	1,882	2,370
Other electrical machinery and appliances	792	1,267	1,479	3,040
Total, Class XII.(b)	8,682	8,701	16,448	18,566
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Air and gas compressors ..	227	271	536	511
Agricultural, horticultural, &c., machinery—				
Harvesting	715	576	1,607	1,757
Other	642	256	1,893	780
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	203	21	366	59
Dairying machinery	243	180	500	392
Hand tools (power driven) ..	516	552	944	1,218

* For cable and wire, covered, see Class XII.(b).
 † Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings in the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or metal-cased.

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.*
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)</i> —continued.				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	108	121	212	273
Washing machines	160	53	312	161
Other	128	117	289	245
Metal-working machinery—				
Machine tools	1,917	1,316	3,445	3,048
Other	989	959	2,099	2,394
Motive power machinery—				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	1,625	1,087	3,067	2,431
Power boilers and parts ..	306	99	513	313
Tractors and parts	4,966	2,997	8,550	6,596
Turbines and parts	841	621	1,501	1,629
Other and parts	3,176	3,674	6,470	7,957
Office and accounting machines (including taxi meters) ..	1,503	1,454	3,055	2,908
Printing machinery	838	408	1,482	879
Pumps	322	411	612	965
Refrigerating appliances	237	281	425	605
Roller and ball bearings	817	828	1,608	1,756
Sewing machines	859	591	1,821	1,341
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery	1,940	1,766	3,414	3,437
Textile-working machinery and appliances—				
Knitting machines	192	114	480	186
Other	797	561	1,439	1,147
Other machines and machinery ..	3,228	2,858	5,970	5,625
Total, Class XII.(c)	27,495	22,172	52,610	48,613
Total, Class XII.	82,526	60,068	158,253	133,967
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures—</i>				
Rubber—				
Crude, waste and masticated ..	3,965	2,326	8,577	4,818
Substitutes	619	561	771	1,547
Rubber manufactures—				
Elastics and rubber thread ..	255	161	510	458
Tyres and tubes	472	314	985	769
Other	295	188	554	438
Total, Class XIII.(a)	5,606	3,550	11,397	8,030
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather	91	86	193	191
Leather manufactures	105	67	202	148
Total, Class XIII.(b)	196	153	395	339
Total, Class XIII.	5,802	3,703	11,792	8,369

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood, veneers and corestock ..	489	387	1,033	1,120
Timber—				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape ..	340	455	851	968
Undressed (including logs) ..	3,403	3,822	7,842	7,443
Wicker, bamboo and cane ..	45	54	94	96
Total, Class XIV. ..	4,277	4,718	9,820	9,627
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Abrasives (synthetic) ..	203	200	372	452
Cement ..	34	16	144	50
Crockery and other householdware ..	1,301	873	2,765	1,949
Glass ..	989	1,092	1,758	2,240
Glassware ..	615	453	1,372	948
Porcelain for electrical purposes ..	124	110	259	218
Tiles ..	309	163	667	384
Other earthenware, china, &c. ..	144	178	242	378
Total, Class XV. ..	3,719	3,085	7,579	6,619
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i> —				
Millboard and other boards ..	391	286	799	642
Paper—				
Printings—				
Newsprint ..	3,156	2,968	6,273	6,209
Other ..	1,317	1,076	2,605	2,250
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette) ..	355	294	874	677
Wrapping and bag papers ..	828	622	1,555	1,271
Writing and typewriting ..	564	263	1,093	613
Other ..	476	450	868	839
Pulp for manufacturing paper ..	1,583	1,492	2,723	3,384
Total, Class XVI.(a) ..	8,670	7,451	16,790	15,885
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery</i> —				
Books (printed), directories, &c. ..	1,970	2,120	3,764	4,249
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils ..	283	215	576	383
Other ..	74	57	151	108
Other paper manufactures, stationery, &c. ..	921	537	1,733	1,222
Total, Class XVI.(b) ..	3,248	2,929	6,224	5,962
Total, Class XVI. ..	11,918	10,380	23,014	21,847

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Fancy goods.. ..	498	238	1,091	559
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery..	379	263	819	572
Precious stones, unset	278	231	565	418
Sporting material	153	101	316	228
Timepieces—				
Clocks and clock movements.. ..	350	270	759	530
Watches and watch movements ..	669	442	1,222	749
Toys	640	387	1,593	1,064
Total, Class XVII.	2,967	1,932	6,365	4,120
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor	516	282	904	629
Cinematographs	141	59	253	190
Films for cinematographs	434	502	823	1,039
Photographic goods	185	129	308	245
Scientific instruments, appliances and materials—				
Optical and ophthalmic	310	209	770	487
Surgical and dental	635	621	1,217	1,238
Thermostats	116	83	219	181
Other scientific instruments and appliances	535	569	981	1,067
Total, Class XVIII.	2,872	2,454	5,475	5,076
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	250	335	544	663
Additives for petroleum oils	289	281	612	632
Alcohols and spirits	186	283	366	561
Calcium carbide	95	129	187	282
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	312	109	556	188
Vitamin and vitamin preparations ..	115	115	221	237
Other	1,842	1,712	3,216	3,123
Essential oils	148	128	276	267
Fertilizers—				
Potash salts	76	106	329	203
Rock phosphates	730	697	1,608	1,551
Other	209	488	309	807
Gases, refrigerant	104	100	152	175
Perfumery and toilet preparations ..	194	134	396	302
Soap and soap substitutes	201	97	444	204
Sodium carbonates	91	5	144	24
Sodium cyanide	51	73	105	148
Styrene (monomer)	173	146	252	358
Tetraethyl lead	202	272	273	561
Chemical compounds, n.e.i.	2,542	2,215	4,730	4,571
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i. ..	263	223	530	444
Total Class XIX.	8,073	7,648	15,250	15,301

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	55	41	123	100
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	239	241	560	590
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, &c. ..	234	134	522	313
Brushware	105	54	189	107
Cellulose acetate, preformed shapes ..	46	79	176	178
Imports made subject to the condition that they be re-exported. . .	243	1,067	448	1,669
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	846	946	2,829	2,158
Musical instruments and parts—				
Gramophones, &c., including records ..	431	187	801	391
Other	197	112	384	266
Outside packages	3,754	2,991	7,367	6,525
Packings for engines, boilers, &c. ..	369	280	665	589
Passengers' effects	1,056	1,267	1,839	2,107
Prefabricated buildings	285	86	381	214
Specialized equipment for large-scale projects—				
Electric power station	56	63	72	142
Oil refining	146	..	418	39
Other	356	451	708	881
Structural steelwork for use with industrial equipment	159	136	374	251
Synthetic resins	953	1,032	1,947	2,079
Synthetic sausage casings	61	96	136	149
Vessels (ships)	263	916	2,588	2,066
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	197	141	495	244
All other articles	1,191	1,100	2,372	2,093
Total, Class XX.	11,242	11,420	25,394	23,151
Total, Merchandise	204,705	168,719	412,297	358,513
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER ; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze Specie .. ..	..	1	..	1
Gold, including gold in matte	168	726	799	1,235
Silver, including silver in matte	3	15	22	24
Total, Class XXI.	171	742	821	1,260
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	85,160	72,456	166,386	153,275
Victoria	71,772	61,151	149,914	127,191
Queensland	15,502	11,428	32,020	25,171
South Australia	16,804	11,221	33,784	25,540
Western Australia	12,329	10,561	24,448	21,179
Tasmania	3,008	2,325	6,035	6,880
Northern Territory	301	313	531	523
Australian Capital Territory .. ..	..	6	..	14
GRAND TOTAL	204,876	169,461	413,118	359,773

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

EXPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	11,030	9,349	14,978	15,138
Cheese	1,227	1,337	1,737	1,956
Eggs	2,925	1,828	4,125	2,598
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process ..	78	136	319	393
Ghee	80	107	187	258
Honey	282	175	543	302
Infants' and invalids' foods	462	618	773	1,112
Meats—				
Bacon and hams	83	74	131	114
Meat extracts	337	131	524	306
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	7,921	5,213	15,298	11,074
Lamb	5,610	2,166	5,854	2,565
Mutton	746	267	972	516
Offals	1,091	697	1,835	1,354
Pork	100	56	201	111
Poultry	156	84	287	125
Rabbit and hare	275	588	802	1,298
Preserved in airtight containers ..	5,459	2,666	10,473	6,449
Sausage casings (excluding synthetic) ..	709	509	1,063	813
Other	108	126	212	290
Milk and cream—				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated ..	1,325	1,757	2,107	2,537
Dried, including malted	1,643	1,604	2,439	2,694
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	156	174	273	373
Total, Class I.	41,803	29,662	65,133	52,376
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	108	130	216	228
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate ..	96	95	175	193
Foods for animals	166	778	293	1,396
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes ..	71	71	163	199
Fruit—				
Dried—				
Currants	128	106	430	481
Raisins	699	465	3,671	1,962
Other	42	88	212	230
Fresh and frozen—				
Apples	17	69	642	356
Citrus	371	457	728	827
Other	6	8	43	14
Preserved in tins and other airtight containers	903	791	6,415	3,845
Pulped	4	10	73	34

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
— <i>continued.</i> —				
Grain and pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast foods	196	71	341	114
Flour (wheaten)—				
Plain white	5,526	5,456	9,796	10,661
Other	114	177	268	303
Rice, (cleaned)	681	297	1,343	723
Other	226	351	530	861
Unprepared—				
Barley	489	558	2,149	4,648
Maize	3	2	67	19
Oats	397	764	1,151	1,543
Peas (not split)	48	35	133	100
Sorghum	134	71	166	372
Wheat	8,282	17,981	18,708	35,864
Other	201	179	500	496
Jams and fruit jellies	66	85	148	211
Soups	93	87	197	199
Sugar (cane)	7,487	13,143	14,038	20,155
Tea	54	46	58	115
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid or pulped	70	50	105	74
Other	75	105	178	310
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	148	116	292	252
Total, Class II.	26,901	42,642	63,229	86,785
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, cider, &c.	115	147	249	328
Spirits (beverages)	54	61	124	152
Wine	160	196	348	552
Total, Class III.	329	404	721	1,032
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff	66	60	233	118
Tobacco	48	70	114	151
Total, Class IV.	114	130	347	269
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	240	252	332	356
Horses	75	106	128	194
Sheep	80	110	157	236
Other live animals	15	24	52	42
Total, Class V.	410	492	669	828

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS.				
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	837	657	1,385	1,263
Kangaroo and wallaby	117	129	192	209
Rabbit and hare	535	357	1,280	777
Sheep and lamb	4,166	4,964	8,585	8,981
Other (including sheepskin and lamb-skin pieces)	88	140	197	246
Pearl-shell	248	314	466	678
Trochus-shell	222	120	421	300
Wool—				
Greasy	94,504	122,213	139,967	175,980
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, noils, tops and waste	10,573	13,134	20,784	24,865
Other animal substances	216	212	400	456
Total, Class VI.	111,506	142,240	173,677	213,755
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Seeds	205	381	445	709
Tanning substances	41	96	248	328
Other vegetable substances	91	84	239	166
Total, Class VII.	337	561	932	1,203
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(a) <i>Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	305	252	496	451
Yarns—				
Woollen	4	18	26	51
Other	19	45	60	78
Other manufactured fibres	16	55	58	78
Total, Class VIII.(a)	344	370	640	658
(b) <i>Textiles—</i>				
Piece goods—				
Cotton	42	23	62	52
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres	12	16	66	34
Woollen	19	19	31	31
Other	23	21	47	71
Other textiles	58	73	123	136
Total, Class VIII.(b)	154	152	329	324

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
<i>continued.</i>				
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Footwear	23	28	37	55
Outerwear	30	43	64	77
Shirts, underwear and sleeping attire	13	25	27	40
Other apparel	22	62	54	137
Total, Class VIII.(c)	88	158	182	309
Total, Class VIII.	586	680	1,151	1,291
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and waxes, &c.—				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow ..	27	18	43	24
Fatty acids	67	54	110	112
Tallow, edible and inedible	1,168	827	1,768	1,602
Other	49	49	101	80
Oils—				
Petroleum and shale, including petroleum jelly—				
Residual, diesel fuel and furnace oil	456	1,588	935	2,849
Spirit	1,136	104	1,397	160
Other	182	462	298	923
Whale oils	758	789	1,472	1,525
Other	42	42	155	91
Total, Class IX.	3,885	3,933	6,279	7,366
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Lead oxides	52	26	135	114
Paints and enamels prepared for use ..	98	142	239	274
Other pigments, paints and varnishes ..	66	102	123	167
Total, Class X.	216	270	497	555
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	221	224	416	446
Asphalt, tar and pitch	127	93	226	164
Coal	88	225	391	554
Coke	124	123	174	323
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes—				
Lead and silver-lead	1,129	1,676	2,187	3,792
Titanium and zirconium	1,060	2,395	2,181	4,294
Tungsten	937	754	1,904	1,452
Zinc	992	1,734	2,602	2,860
Other	489	378	967	1,785
Other stones and minerals	88	103	159	176
Total, Class XI.	5,255	7,705	11,207	15,846

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Metals and semi-manufactures—				
Cadmium	67	43	138	120
Copper	747	1,807	2,808	3,095
Copper-base alloys	68	406	318	473
Iron and steel	1,456	7,880	2,906	10,713
Lead—				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	1,082	1,656	2,976	4,023
Pig	5,266	7,383	10,514	11,941
Other	228	218	559	482
Zinc	1,013	1,242	2,367	1,960
Other	76	76	178	174
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering hardware	89	115	178	200
Tools of trade	96	93	194	167
Vehicles and parts	672	1,973	1,481	4,397
Window louvres	180	132	317	231
Other metal manufactures ..	633	955	1,360	1,845
Total, Class XII.(a)	11,673	23,979	26,294	39,821
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators ..	151	98	261	177
Communication equipment	220	293	498	524
Other electrical appliances	274	360	694	675
Total, Class XII.(b)	645	751	1,453	1,376
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Aircraft engines and parts	136	33	290	102
Agricultural, horticultural &c. machinery	496	244	743	711
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	201	123	272	226
Motive power machinery	248	360	735	806
Personal and massage appliances ..	141	34	294	69
Pumps, machinery	73	76	176	143
Refrigerating appliances	95	80	200	145
Other machines and machinery ..	1,295	1,175	2,323	2,291
Total, Class XII.(c)	2,685	2,125	5,033	4,493
Total, Class XII.	15,003	26,855	32,780	45,690

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i> ..	165	227	357	409
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather—				
Hide leathers—				
Sole	127	150	249	279
Other	417	549	806	974
Sheep and lamb	32	17	57	39
Other	32	86	64	146
Leather manufactures	20	36	54	56
Total, Class XIII.(b)	628	838	1,230	1,494
Total, Class XIII.	793	1,065	1,587	1,903
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Sleepers, railway	262	341	446	432
Timber	538	548	1,108	918
Wood and wicker manufactures	116	162	262	298
Total, Class XIV.	916	1,051	1,816	1,648
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE ..	227	255	489	531
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i>	98	109	267	260
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), periodicals, newspapers, &c.	356	412	718	782
Paper manufactures and stationery	234	213	450	460
Total, Class XVI.(b)	590	625	1,168	1,242
Total, Class XVI.	688	734	1,435	1,502
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, &c.	47	75	98	132
Sporting goods	50	61	128	136
Other	28	39	61	89
Total, Class XVII.	125	175	287	357
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs, &c.	49	49	120	89
Photographic goods and materials	91	157	253	315
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	104	80	184	182
Total, Class XVIII.	244	286	557	586

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	528	452	729	646
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Acetylsalicylic acid	73	63	101	118
Other	245	342	487	605
Eucalyptus oil	75	68	123	105
Perfumery and toilet preparations ..	51	58	106	118
Soap	54	69	121	136
Other chemicals, elements and compounds	349	366	682	588
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	125	212	346	381
Total, Class XIX.	1,500	1,630	2,695	2,697
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms and ammunition	62	25	151	70
Exports by the Commonwealth Government for Australian Government projects being carried on outside Australia and for Australian representatives abroad	421	357	1,151	907
Other goods exported with the intention that they be re-imported and temporary imports when subsequently exported.				
Goods exported by Australian Companies for installation in or servicing their own aircraft abroad	1,275	1,159	2,243	2,011
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	657	537	2,340	865
Synthetic resins	157	243	348	391
Miscellaneous exports when valued at less than £50 in any one consignment ..	1,186	1,324	2,391	2,682
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad ..	372	1,095	562	1,222
All other articles	1,016	1,310	2,361	2,687
Total, Class XX.	5,146	6,050	11,547	10,835
Total, Merchandise	215,984	266,820	377,035	447,055
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze Specie .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Gold, including gold in matte	1,709	3,802	8,235	8,234
Silver, including silver in matte	701	775	1,415	4,358
Total, Class XXI.	2,410	4,577	9,650	12,592
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	63,062	83,526	113,947	134,771
Victoria	64,390	69,957	102,229	111,416
Queensland	40,480	48,285	82,235	90,264
South Australia	25,768	31,542	48,835	57,321
Western Australia	21,573	34,678	33,525	59,688
Tasmania	3,116	3,388	5,872	5,740
Northern Territory	5	21	42	447
Australian Produce	215,229	267,184	379,865	452,109
Re-exports	3,165	4,213	6,820	7,538
GRAND TOTAL	218,394	271,397	386,685	459,647

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
		1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.					
Butter.. .. .	'000 lb.	72,493	59,360	95,915	97,395
Cheese.. .. .	"	15,049	14,544	19,132	19,753
Processed milk—					
Condensed	"	18,860	27,090	28,189	39,386
Dried including Malted	"	26,456	23,627	36,058	35,321
Infants' and invalids' foods	"	2,564	3,449	4,495	6,516
Eggs—					
In shell	'000 doz.	8,174	5,246	14,521	8,779
Not in shell	'000 lb.	13,261	8,131	14,259	8,188
Meats, poultry and game—					
Bacon and hams	"	343	258	561	435
Preserved by cold process—					
Beef and veal	"	106,014	75,845	212,239	162,933
Lamb	"	57,678	25,186	59,993	29,352
Mutton	"	13,939	4,139	18,159	8,906
Offals	"	8,534	7,246	18,517	15,820
Pork	"	688	281	1,430	578
Poultry	"	652	472	1,196	596
Rabbits and hares—					
Furred (carcasses)	'000 prs.	25	35	49	54
Skinned (carcasses and pieces)	'000 lb.	2,499	5,227	8,763	11,607
Preserved in airtight containers	"	36,079	22,983	70,503	51,881
Sausage casings, natural	bundles	737,094	589,655	1,131,351	957,362
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.					
Fruits—					
Dried—					
Currants	'000 lb.	2,425	1,866	8,566	8,585
Raisins	"	12,405	9,034	71,720	30,618
Tree fruits	"	402	741	1,806	2,013
Fresh—					
Apples	'000 bus.	9	47	475	233
Citrus	"	254	307	492	553
Other	"	4	6	30	9
Preserved in airtight containers	'000 lb.	12,786	11,184	85,971	54,916
Pulped	"	68	188	1,292	552
Grain or cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—pearl and scotch	"	103	103	190	168
Flour (wheaten), plain white	"	377,329	389,994	651,810	773,488
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	8,581	1,102	15,473	2,651
Rice	cwt.	229,226	93,757	436,715	226,559
Unprepared—					
Barley	ton	22,530	23,493	78,307	227,852
Oats	"	17,865	35,973	44,793	73,090
Wheat	"	336,077	1,010,141	723,555	1,432,398
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	1,096	1,319	2,546	3,256
Sugar (cane)	ton	174,001	203,390	340,682	485,998
Vegetables—preserved or pulped	'000 lb.	532	364	991	643

(a) 263,139 pairs.

(b) 4,977,216 pairs.

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—*continued*.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
		1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.					
Wine	'000 gal.	277	284	604	796
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and skins—					
Calf, cattle and horse	'000 lb.	12,975	12,096	22,532	22,467
Kangaroo and wallaby	"	320	321	513	551
Rabbit and hare	"	1,013	859	2,298	1,646
Sheep and lamb	"	29,300	26,680	54,562	48,931
Wool—					
Greasy	"	361,972	360,573	521,904	538,315
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	"	28,934	25,901	55,156	59,797
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	13,219	16,177	20,549	26,080
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.					
Coal	ton	21,376	55,677	95,109	140,675
Ores and concentrates—					
Lead and silver-lead	"	12,938	20,168	30,043	46,648
Zinc	"	61,658	90,012	168,029	153,514
CLASS XII.—METALS.					
Lead—					
Pig	ton	40,469	52,577	81,717	85,355
Bullion	"	6,946	10,669	19,143	25,893
Zinc, bars, blocks, &c.	"	8,640	10,282	20,115	17,000

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Fruits.		
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)	Dried.		Pre- served in air- tight con- tainers.
							Vine.	Tree.	
QUANTITY. ('000 lb.)									
1938-39 ..	220,543	35,924	1,739	271,964	186,489	30,716	164,213	3,915	81,279
1952-53 ..	110,428	53,006	3,393	192,297	166,844	3,453	155,172	6,709	143,261
1953-54 ..	88,030	50,959	2,777	316,955	99,691	2,758	139,822	6,481	199,219
1954-55 ..	140,017	49,543	1,675	276,398	128,793	6,515	153,000	6,437	215,795
1955-56 ..	185,103	38,485	1,003	322,748	116,283	2,472	137,300	3,665	209,123
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1955 ..	95,909	19,131	561	212,239	78,151	1,430	80,286	1,792	85,933
Dec., 1956 ..	97,395	19,758	435	162,933	38,258	578	39,203	2,013	54,916

VALUE.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882	2,747	118	1,267
1952-53 ..	20,075	5,851	720	13,765	8,761	473	7,448	581	9,298
1953-54 ..	16,052	5,329	619	22,044	5,261	462	6,600	793	14,184
1954-55 ..	24,589	5,057	355	21,899	11,817	781	7,637	799	15,245
1955-56 ..	28,966	3,537	229	23,431	9,752	364	7,376	427	15,469
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1955 ..	14,978	1,737	131	15,298	6,826	201	4,101	211	6,414
Dec., 1956 ..	15,138	1,956	114	11,074	3,081	111	2,443	230	3,844

(a) Preserved by cold process.

Year.	Wheat.	Flour, (Wheaten) Plain White.	Barley (Unpre- pared).	Sugar (Cane).	Wool.		Sheep and Lamb- skins.	Lead (Pig).
					Greasy.	Scoured. (a)		
QUANTITY.								
1938-39	tons. 1,690,956	'000 lb. 1,450,130	tons. 58,441	tons. 443,014	'000 lb. 793,384	'000 lb. 70,881	'000 lb. 84,359	tons. 204,495
1952-53	1,593,963	1,739,240	496,403	459,354	981,493	107,533	110,172	141,999
1953-54	965,338	1,522,536	601,536	706,796	990,009	96,418	94,522	170,207
1954-55	1,691,063	1,311,238	421,174	737,149	959,033	101,553	100,229	140,256
1955-56	1,902,891	1,333,587	470,210	592,229	1,063,475	114,550	105,566	145,987
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1955	723,555	651,649	78,307	340,682	521,886	55,097	54,562	81,687
Dec., 1956	1,432,398	773,488	227,852	485,998	538,311	59,748	48,691	85,355

VALUE.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

1938-39 ..	8,735	4,540	342	4,178	37,305	5,324	2,370	4,267
1952-53 ..	51,970	37,417	19,245	21,654	356,223	46,681	17,332	17,168
1953-54 ..	30,957	29,632	14,870	31,592	364,977	45,443	16,439	18,550
1954-55 ..	45,222	20,305	10,357	31,146	310,902	42,204	15,935	17,182
1955-56 ..	46,456	19,703	10,471	24,723	293,835	43,673	15,691	19,539
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1955 ..	18,708	9,794	2,149	14,038	139,963	20,777	8,585	10,511
Dec., 1956 ..	35,864	10,661	4,648	20,155	175,980	24,845	8,973	11,939

(a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, noils, waste and slipe.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
United Kingdom ..	79,828	11,900	80,931	11,868	14,675	1,037	15,535	1,196
Australian Territories ..	290	59	250	46	51	7	50	9
Ceylon ..	1,260	235	1,127	203	203	35	214	42
Gulana (British) ..	236	49	166	34	12	2	1	..
Hong Kong ..	865	161	637	117	172	21	101	15
India ..	385	84	366	77	287	50	463	90
Malaya, Fed. of ..	521	119	659	142	68	11	43	7
Malta ..	319	60	265	47	116	12	180	24
Mauritius ..	177	42	337	77	52	9	61	12
Singapore ..	1,951	366	1,948	359	421	55	370	56
West Africa (British) ..	147	34	123	27	63	11	57	13
West Indies ..	469	99	331	69	103	15	36	8
Other C'wealth Countries	575	133	571	122	169	29	139	28
Arabian States ..	280	66	463	103	602	112	657	145
Burma ..	114	28	108	25	28	5	31	6
Egypt ..	243	48	39	7	149	17	2	..
French Dependency—								
New Caledonia ..	187	38	246	47	61	11	73	13
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	3,268	559	4,579	877	26	3	413	50
Italy ..	2,338	428	2,883	599	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	171	37	46	8	394	56	110	20
Lebanon ..	65	12	49	8	76	12	13	4
Netherlands Antilles ..	174	44	174	38	2	..	1	..
Philippines ..	309	76	308	68	708	115	521	99
Other Foreign Countries	1,737	301	789	170	693	112	677	119
New South Wales ..	766	144	1,637	263	90	15	72	13
Victoria ..	65,499	10,048	68,289	11,136	9,235	970	13,273	1,426
Queensland ..	22,832	3,706	20,271	2,817	1,723	163	1,356	130
South Australia ..	1,243	192	1,699	229	8,083	589	5,036	384
Western Australia ..	51	9	42	6	..	..	16	3
Tasmania ..	5,518	879	5,457	687	..	..	..	..
Total ..	95,909	14,978	97,395	15,138	19,131	1,737	19,753	1,956
	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF AND VEAL. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
United Kingdom ..	..	..	19	4	174,954	12,027	122,787	7,899
Bermuda ..	..	..	..	..	555	89	717	110
Ceylon ..	49	9	16	4	164	17	173	17
Hong Kong ..	46	12	35	11	1,530	119	4,441	278
Malta ..	1	..	..	..	1,760	155	1,733	134
Singapore ..	212	47	180	44	6,551	541	5,961	472
West Indies (British) ..	63	15	16	4	662	67	418	51
Other C'wealth Countries	153	39	134	37	2,517	277	2,724	279
Arabian States—								
Saudi Arabia ..	..	..	..	..	487	98	405	77
Other ..	29	7	16	4	360	56	295	45
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	..	..	..	..	3,225	256	3,927	271
Egypt ..	1	..	..	..	1,637	128	22	2
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	..	..	..	..	4,583	362	119	9
Philippines ..	1	..	5	2	4,146	330	5,957	451
United States of America ..	..	..	..	..	1,198	113	853	96
Other Foreign Countries	6	2	14	4	7,910	663	12,401	883
New South Wales ..	105	27	65	20	18,281	1,658	10,561	985
Victoria ..	30	6	15	3	1,708	191	3,464	379
Queensland ..	313	75	250	67	173,329	12,166	140,476	9,178
South Australia ..	18	4	11	4	430	27	182	11
Western Australia ..	95	19	94	20	18,461	1,254	8,228	519
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	30	2	22	2
Total ..	561	131	435	114	212,239	15,298	162,933	11,074

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries--*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)				PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	68,413	6,107	30,069	2,400	726	91	37	6
Australian Territories ..	319	37	328	39	115	20	149	30
Canada ..	1,723	167	2,193	204	30	5	29	6
Ceylon ..	254	19	259	25	2	1	14	3
Hong Kong ..	472	35	391	29	43	6	14	2
Singapore ..	1,178	78	2,013	143	254	35	133	23
Other C'wealth Countries	1,981	161	1,775	141	108	18	76	14
Arabian States ..	436	35	233	36	54	9	67	16
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	611	25	577	27	..	..	..	..
Egypt ..	1,943	100	34	1	.. 55	9	..	..
United States of America	405	33	55	8	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	416	29	231	28	.. 43	7	.. 54	11
New South Wales ..	5,448	458	1,672	135	142	24	77	18
Victoria ..	47,517	4,095	16,863	1,375	280	39	140	26
Queensland ..	77	9	169	11	334	51	217	39
South Australia ..	13,845	1,350	11,108	939	3	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	11,183	906	8,039	585	654	85	123	25
Tasmania ..	81	8	357	36	17	2	21	3
Total ..	78,151	6,826	38,258	3,081	1,430	201	578	111
DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.					DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultanas and Lexias).			
United Kingdom ..	2,708	134	2,876	169	38,430	2,053	4,805	344
Canada ..	3,153	155	3,341	207	20,466	916	17,271	829
Ceylon ..	104	6	159	9	687	37	436	25
New Zealand ..	1,336	71	1,210	67	7,941	404	7,247	433
Singapore ..	43	3	22	2	54	4	18	1
Other C'wealth Countries	710	38	453	25	1,188	60	541	318
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	6	..	..	..	2,676	124	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	506	23	24	2	278	13	300	12
New South Wales ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Victoria ..	3,415	175	3,312	190	61,552	3,165	21,362	1,125
Queensland ..	..	..	..	..	5	1	10	..
South Australia ..	3,966	190	3,743	199	10,163	505	9,244	343
Western Australia ..	1,185	65	1,530	92	..	..	..	..
Total ..	8,566	430	8,585	481	71,720	3,671	30,618	1,962

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.			
United Kingdom ..	654	49	836	92	74,204	5,583	44,940	3,141
Canada ..	455	75	4	..	2,082	155	1,380	96
New Zealand ..	366	51	575	73	7,103	493	6,549	448
Singapore ..	59	8	2	..	293	19	281	20
Other C'wealth Countries	136	13	134	11	1,173	88	1,155	94
Egypt ..	22	3	..	..	175	13	13	1
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	20	2	399	48	..	..	29	1
Other Foreign Countries	80	10	63	6	903	63	569	43
New South Wales ..	501	36	379	36	14,982	1,096	8,986	619
Victoria ..	156	17	22	1	47,102	3,661	26,863	1,984
Queensland ..	1	..	1	..	20,724	1,433	10,874	744
South Australia ..	1,092	152	578	74	2,514	167	4,714	330
Western Australia ..	..	..	..	..	19	1	4	..
Tasmania ..	42	6	1,033	119	592	56	3,475	167
Total ..	1,792	211	2,013	230	85,933	6,414	54,916	3,844
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WHEAT.				FLOUR (WHEATEN)—PLAIN-WHITE.			
United Kingdom ..	192,915	4,687	306,189	7,608	64,932	906	95,465	1,270
Aden ..	125	3	295	8	13,765	185	21,405	288
Australian Territories ..	87	3	73	2	4,830	85	7,943	89
Borneo (British) ..	..	..	..	..	6,791	107	13,200	119
Ceylon ..	5	..	296	8	161,810	2,259	195,464	2,482
Cyprus ..	25,572	699	..	..	15	..	24	..
East Africa (British) ..	324	9	401	11	7,282	107	9,811	128
Hong Kong ..	18,532	305	18,239	496	5,650	79	10,236	145
India ..	..	..	471,886	11,574	35	1	1	..
Ireland, Republic of ..	11,521	295	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	7,520	213	4,607	126	66,709	1,074	65,569	1,013
Mauritius ..	24	1	10	..	16,572	239	27,096	383
New Zealand ..	131,304	3,409	146,377	3,577	24	..	146	2
Pacific Islands—								
Fiji ..	24	1	28	1	9,746	160	13,747	201
Other ..	13	1	24	1	5,533	90	8,142	81
Pakistan ..	2	..	96,491	2,592	576	8	154	2
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	35,066	935	32,467	839	1,920	28	3,259	44
Singapore ..	2,760	83	1,786	52	43,563	698	47,623	714
Other C'wealth Countries	5,224	119	10,141	248	7,224	105	15,175	196
Arabian States ..	1,778	51	3,397	100	15,444	206	27,525	332
Burma ..	3,196	88	2,789	65	13,606	216	22,927	344
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	4,194	60	4,352	68
France ..	..	..	39,581	967	..	..	..	..
French Dependencies ..	223	7	280	9	8,597	144	11,740	170
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	..	..	102,133	2,647	..	..	..	..
Indonesia ..	5	..	..	..	146,170	2,296	102,688	1,559
Iraq ..	44,880	1,232	31,543	893	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	138,272	3,766	88,264	2,179	1,896	46	..	..
Portuguese Possessions—								
India ..	848	25	2,616	76	1,524	23	1,357	26
Mozambique ..	9,727	268	11,609	294	546	9	157	2
Other ..	..	..	..	..	350	6	885	13
Sudan ..	..	..	..	..	15,545	223	29,224	395
Thailand ..	24	1	120	4	16,762	279	20,084	308
Other Foreign Countries	93,584	2,507	60,756	1,287	10,038	155	18,089	267
New South Wales ..	76,112	2,009	87,278	1,937	207,557	3,133	271,903	3,745
Victoria ..	207,093	5,266	260,086	6,263	223,655	3,349	258,069	3,581
Queensland ..	64,206	1,722	76,129	1,942	30,069	459	37,868	529
South Australia ..	234,898	6,282	269,032	6,806	79,736	1,172	91,240	1,232
Western Australia ..	141,246	3,429	739,873	18,916	110,632	1,681	114,408	1,574
Total ..	723,555	18,708	1,432,398	35,864	651,649	9,794	773,488	10,661

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	Barley (Unprepared).				Sugar (Cane).			
United Kingdom ..	16,159	349	16,984	337	154,467	6,728	270,987	12,678
Australian Territory—								
New Guinea ..	..	..	..	..	744	44	864	55
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	84,370	3,051	114,859	3,708
Ceylon ..	19	1	15	..	..	..	23,887	850
Hong Kong ..	267	2	179	4	10,201	389	14,998	527
Malaya, Fed. of ..	9	..	2	..	1,010	38	2,379	80
New Zealand ..	..	..	9,961	269	30,600	1,392	25,144	1,122
Other C'wealth Countries	3	..	5	..	2,101	125	5,914	142
Belgium—Luxemburg ..	5,818	138	27,959	607	..	..	..	..
French Possession—New								
Caledonia ..	..	..	..	..	950	57	917	59
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	1,850	38	37,545	473	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	4,100	114	4,615	116	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	43,813	1,362	112,373	2,465	52,178	2,051	26,010	937
Netherlands ..	1,001	20	16,014	323	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	5,768	125	2,200	54	4,061	163	39	2
New South Wales ..	21	1	..	..	3,271	199	6,715	197
Victoria ..	5,327	164	58,077	900	211	13	232	15
Queensland ..	2,101	42	7,107	166	337,170	13,824	479,017	19,941
South Australia ..	65,040	1,824	149,447	3,322	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	5,818	118	13,221	260	30	2	34	2
Total ..	78,307	2,149	227,852	4,648	340,682	14,038	485,998	20,155

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED AND WASHED, SLIPE, CARBONIZED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.			
United Kingdom ..	141,315	36,951	150,241	49,012	15,354	5,296	14,246	5,303
Canada ..	1,634	468	1,980	680	2,030	750	1,247	491
Hong Kong ..	..	..	1,233	477	688	382	462	251
India ..	393	118	177	40	1,348	703	1,735	825
Ireland, Republic of ..	1,543	453	2,249	886	50	18	30	11
New Zealand ..	228	74	27	5	263	152	258	157
South Africa, Union of ..	664	157	1,046	304	218	84	127	48
Other C'wealth Countries	22	11	..	..	520	228	410	203
Austria ..	819	254	1,327	532	17	6	2	1
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	48,215	9,928	49,290	12,220	2,115	690	2,127	767
China ..	..	..	..	..	1,660	852	4,907	2,665
Czechoslovakia ..	8,251	2,440	3,863	1,381	15	6	..	..
Denmark ..	3	1	..	..	531	201	348	141
Egypt ..	568	190	171	50	125	73	11	5
France ..	111,862	27,891	104,769	32,843	3,238	1,189	3,365	1,372
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	35,447	9,328	34,213	10,976	4,619	1,678	4,114	1,682
Greece ..	30	9	5	2	557	233	401	162
Italy ..	39,258	10,954	48,867	16,274	2,841	1,006	3,888	1,328
Japan ..	80,149	24,884	101,017	36,845	3,469	1,527	11,419	5,230
Mexico ..	4,708	1,528	2,839	1,011	230	92	319	126
Netherlands ..	1,990	527	1,479	421	669	208	658	251
Norway ..	3	1	..	..	21	8	23	8
Poland ..	10,367	3,551	12,193	4,343	..	..	60	26
Portugal ..	1,226	384	164	61	167	65	131	50
Spain ..	1,670	471	1,573	549	84	32	..	..
Sweden ..	1,019	260	15	4	531	194	389	144
Switzerland ..	3,770	921	3,006	906	257	94	159	70
Turkey ..	23	8	1,860	718	18	11	..	..
United States of America	24,113	7,406	12,456	4,610	11,223	3,991	7,083	2,581
Yugoslavia ..	1,428	455	1,178	438	..	..	9	4
Other Foreign Countries	1,168	340	1,073	392	2,239	1,008	1,811	993
New South Wales ..	192,797	51,882	195,120	64,310	17,852	6,549	19,493	7,938
Victoria ..	126,956	34,707	127,262	41,712	17,654	6,586	18,324	7,412
Queensland ..	80,340	23,106	83,127	28,602	6,443	2,473	5,182	2,171
South Australia ..	64,767	15,831	61,595	18,899	5,509	2,177	5,729	2,470
Western Australia ..	56,571	14,307	69,841	22,045	7,629	2,989	11,012	4,852
Tasmania ..	455	130	1,366	412	10	3	8	2
Total ..	521,886	139,963	538,311	175,980	55,097	20,777	59,748	24,845

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS.				LEAD (Pig).			
United Kingdom ..	6,063	915	5,672	922	49,912	6,398	29,240	4,117
New Zealand ..	1	..	98	6	1,699	223	2,502	358
South Africa, Union of..	..	..	..	..	300	88	..	..
Other C'wealth Countries	18	2	9	1	41	6	1,928	271
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	496	83	606	124	25	3	..	..
France ..	43,499	7,040	39,400	7,451	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	1,061	162	1,257	257	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	490	52	269	42	35	5	374	47
United States of America	1,763	159	890	83	27,625	3,576	50,224	6,990
Other Foreign Countries	1,171	172	490	87	2,050	262	1,087	156
New South Wales ..	16,675	2,660	13,878	2,607	280	35	3,272	477
Victoria ..	22,796	3,575	17,483	3,195	558	70	969	122
Queensland ..	2,052	287	2,095	388	402	51	38	5
South Australia ..	7,103	1,091	8,060	1,481	80,200	10,324	80,950	11,319
Western Australia ..	4,555	722	4,910	847	243	30	126	16
Tasmania ..	1,381	250	2,265	455	4	1	..	..
Total ..	54,562	8,585	48,691	8,973	81,687	10,511	85,355	11,939

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Section V.—Retail Sales.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS.^(a)*(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952-53 Retail Census.)*

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards).

The tables contain particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1950-51 to 1955-56 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from the Census taken in respect of that year whereas figures for the other years shown are estimates based on sample surveys. Details by States exclude Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol etc.

(£ million.)

Particulars.	1950-51. (b)	1951-52. (b)	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (b)(d)	1954-55. (b)(d)	1955-56. (b)(d)
STATES.						
New South Wales	553.8	648.5	674.7	728.1	799.7	856.7
Victoria	389.2	454.7	476.3	514.6	561.8	608.4
Queensland	177.9	210.2	224.9	243.7	270.8	292.9
South Australia	113.7	133.8	143.7	155.7	172.0	184.7
Western Australia	94.4	117.1	127.3	139.8	147.0	151.7
Tasmania	41.8	51.3	55.2	58.9	63.9	69.2
Total	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.8	2,015.2	2,163.6

COMMODITY GROUPS.

Groceries	186.1	232.9	261.5	275.1	306.0	334.7
Butchers' Meat	92.3	118.7	127.8	133.9	146.6	159.3
Other Food(e)	155.5	187.8	206.8	223.7	245.8	270.1
Total Foodstuffs	433.9	539.4	596.1	632.7	698.4	764.1
Beer, Wine and Spirits	123.2	153.9	173.0	186.7	202.1	219.4
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear	328.5	351.6	355.1	387.6	421.5	439.1
Hardware, China and Glass-ware(f)	91.2	109.6	113.8	124.7	142.5	153.3
Electrical Goods and Radios	64.7	77.5	75.8	91.2	99.6	105.3
Furniture and Floor Coverings	76.9	76.1	72.8	81.0	86.5	91.3
Other Goods(g)	252.4	307.5	315.5	336.9	364.6	391.1
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.)	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.8	2,015.2	2,163.6
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(h)	382.0	433.3	417.3	491.1	579.5	641.0

(a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Survey figures.
 (c) Census figures. (d) Subject to revision. (e) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.
 (f) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.).
 (g) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc.
 (h) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance companies are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each quarter, but, from the time of assignment are included in the figures for balances outstanding. Figures in these tables have been revised since the last issue.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter.(a)

(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)

(£'000.)

As at—	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1954—31st December ..	61,248	38,877	26,537	16,668	12,525	5,918	161,773
1955—31st March ..	65,272	41,843	27,472	17,353	13,197	6,434	171,571
30th June ..	69,234	44,590	29,067	18,277	14,151	7,012	182,331
30th September ..	75,415	48,283	31,029	19,662	15,078	7,460	196,927
31st December ..	79,845	53,180	32,477	21,239	16,080	7,951	210,772
1956—31st March ..	78,851	55,030	32,060	21,089	15,844	8,033	210,907
30th June ..	78,885	55,941	31,941	21,022	15,408	8,163	211,360
30th September ..	80,797	57,656	33,521	22,108	15,289	8,477	217,848
31st December ..	83,655	60,901	35,610	23,998	15,899	9,004	229,067

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

Agreements Made during Quarter ended 31st December, 1956 : States.

Particulars of Agreements.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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MOTOR VEHICLES.

Number of Agreements ..	27,610	21,365	14,561	10,009	5,280	3,884	82,709
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	20,071	15,715	9,909	7,218	3,267	2,738	58,918
Amount Financed(d) £'000	12,085	9,872	6,107	4,288	2,010	1,622	35,984

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Number of Agreements ..	2,395	1,690	1,147	632	551	175	6,590
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	1,275	971	592	615	584	129	4,166
Amount Financed(d) £'000	802	603	369	342	351	80	2,547

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Number of Agreements ..	67,687	39,729	35,824	16,042	16,652	5,923	181,857
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	4,885	3,645	2,221	1,408	1,299	487	13,945
Amount Financed(d) £'000	3,917	2,916	1,723	1,165	1,055	384	11,160

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Number of Agreements ..	97,692	62,784	51,532	26,683	22,483	9,982	271,156
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	26,231	20,331	12,722	9,241	5,150	3,354	77,029
Amount Financed(d) £'000	16,804	13,391	8,199	5,795	3,416	2,086	49,691

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales : Hire Purchase Agreements Entered Into By Finance Companies—continued.

Agreements Made during each Quarter : Australia.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed. (b)
		Total.	Average per Agreement.	Total.	Average per Agreement.	
		£'000	£	£'000.	£	%
MOTOR VEHICLES.						
Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	69,206	47,653	687	27,546	398	58
1955-56	75,874	52,867	697	31,232	412	59
Quarterly Total—						
1955—Dec. Quarter ..	79,190	55,552	702	33,076	418	60
1956—March	69,945	47,460	679	27,835	398	59
June	72,774	51,803	712	30,521	419	59
Sept.	81,121	58,113	716	35,175	434	61
Dec.	82,709	58,918	712	35,984	435	61
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	3,715	2,339	630	1,426	384	61
1955-56	4,827	3,131	649	1,937	401	62
Quarterly Total—						
1955—Dec. Quarter ..	5,253	3,677	700	2,291	436	62
1956—March	4,849	3,036	626	1,875	387	62
June	4,828	3,024	626	1,886	391	62
Sept.	4,976	3,582	720	2,294	461	64
Dec.	6,590	4,166	632	2,547	386	61
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	161,234	12,258	76	9,928	62	81
1955-56	170,656	12,899	76	10,467	61	81
Quarterly Total—						
1955—Dec. Quarter ..	189,466	15,074	80	12,300	64	82
1956—March	172,599	13,549	78	10,925	63	81
June	158,001	10,878	69	8,773	56	81
Sept.	151,688	10,187	67	8,131	54	80
Dec.	181,857	13,945	77	11,160	62	80
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).						
Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	234,155	62,250	266	38,900	166	62
1955-56	251,357	68,897	274	43,636	174	63
Quarterly Total—						
1955—Dec. Quarter ..	273,909	74,303	271	47,667	174	64
1956—March	247,393	64,045	259	40,635	164	63
June	235,603	65,705	279	41,180	175	63
Sept.	237,785	71,882	302	45,600	196	65
Dec.	271,156	77,029	284	49,691	183	65

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). charges and insurance.

(b) Excludes hiring

Section VI.—Private Finance.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Inter- minable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills Payable and all other Lia- bilities.	Total Lia- bilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(c)								
1952-53	..	96,664	22,817	119,481	..	3,820	8,569	131,870
1953-54	..	120,885	35,352	156,237	..	2,034	11,766	170,037
1954-55	..	130,909	43,549	174,458	..	309	16,148	190,915
1955-56	..	135,617	46,243	181,860	..	314	17,496	199,670
Quarter ended—								
December, 1955	..	138,770	48,132	186,902	..	313	18,208	205,423
March, 1956	..	133,696	46,607	180,303	..	345	17,757	198,405
June,	138,790	41,870	180,660	..	326	17,759	198,745
September,	134,800	43,059	177,859	..	330	16,576	194,765
December,	141,514	43,744	185,258	..	372	17,912	203,542
Month of—								
October, 1956	..	138,825	43,031	181,856	..	364	17,349	199,569
November,	142,919	43,686	186,605	..	353	18,169	205,127
December,	144,124	45,010	189,134	..	411	18,506	208,051

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1952-53 .. ..	..	226 943,747	218,699	1,162,446	158	10,628	14,247	1,187,705
1953-54 .. ..	..	14 1,035,707	239,774	1,275,481	158	3,360	14,980	1,293,993
1954-55 .. ..	..	9 1,047,677	262,986	1,310,663	158	3,282	16,432	1,330,544
1955-56 .. ..	..	6 1,032,332	263,107	1,295,439	158	6,528	16,913	1,319,044
Quarter ended—								
December, 1955 .. ..	..	6 1,034,066	261,915	1,295,981	158	3,439	17,769	1,317,353
March, 1956 .. ..	..	6 1,072,497	260,117	1,332,614	158	2,127	16,226	1,351,131
June, .. ..	..	6 1,019,944	265,949	1,285,893	158	17,050	18,729	1,321,836
September, .. ..	..	6 962,171	279,344	1,241,515	158	13,890	16,657	1,272,226
December, .. ..	..	6 1,013,805	292,433	1,306,238	158	4,442	20,043	1,330,887
Month of—								
October, 1956 .. ..	..	6 993,859	287,640	1,281,499	158	5,802	18,003	1,306,368
November, .. ..	..	6 1,018,022	293,362	1,311,384	158	3,576	19,912	1,335,036
December, .. ..	..	6 1,041,425	299,183	1,340,608	158	3,328	22,121	1,366,221

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53 .. ..	..	19,286	35,848	15,302	51,150	..	622	525	71,583
1953-54 .. ..	..	19,734	39,408	15,309	54,717	..	664	454	75,569
1954-55 .. ..	..	20,520	41,415	16,069	57,484	..	554	461	79,019
1955-56 .. ..	..	20,569	39,726	16,359	56,085	..	1,536	484	78,674
Quarter ended—									
December, 1955 .. ..	..	20,673	36,949	16,423	53,372	..	1,566	507	76,118
March, 1956 .. ..	..	20,447	42,924	16,282	59,206	..	1,396	386	81,435
June, .. ..	..	20,377	41,856	16,247	58,103	..	1,879	518	80,877
September, .. ..	..	20,329	38,154	16,438	54,592	..	854	483	76,258
December, .. ..	..	20,454	39,358	16,467	55,825	..	1,562	664	78,505
Month of—									
October, 1956 .. ..	..	20,456	38,192	16,065	54,257	..	1,439	645	76,797
November, .. ..	..	20,495	39,853	16,584	56,437	..	1,540	747	79,219
December, .. ..	..	20,394	40,642	16,982	57,624	..	1,799	583	80,400

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53 .. ..	..	19,512	1,076,259	256,818	1,333,077	158	15,070	23,341	1,391,158
1953-54 .. ..	..	19,748	1,196,000	290,435	1,486,435	158	6,058	27,200	1,539,599
1954-55 .. ..	..	20,529	1,220,001	322,604	1,542,605	158	4,145	33,041	1,600,478
1955-56 .. ..	..	20,575	1,207,675	325,709	1,533,384	158	8,378	34,893	1,597,388
Quarter ended—									
December, 1955 .. ..	..	20,679	1,209,785	326,470	1,536,255	158	5,318	36,484	1,598,894
March, 1956 .. ..	..	20,453	1,249,117	323,006	1,572,123	158	3,863	34,369	1,630,971
June, .. ..	..	20,383	1,200,590	324,066	1,524,656	158	19,255	37,006	1,601,455
September, .. ..	..	20,335	1,135,125	338,841	1,473,966	158	15,074	33,716	1,543,249
December, .. ..	..	20,460	1,194,677	352,644	1,547,321	158	6,376	38,619	1,612,934
Month of—									
October, 1956 .. ..	..	20,462	1,170,876	346,736	1,517,612	158	7,605	36,897	1,582,734
November, .. ..	..	20,501	1,200,794	353,632	1,554,426	158	5,469	38,828	1,619,382
December, .. ..	..	20,400	1,226,191	361,175	1,587,366	158	5,538	41,210	1,654,672

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

(b) Includes short term loans from Central Bank.

3rd December, 1953.

(c) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
Average Assets within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances.(b)	Special Account with C'wealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(d)									
1952-53	8,784	21,731	1,600	17,239	25,840	92	59,492	3,984	138,762
1953-54	11,000	34,800	787	23,404	29,924	1,284	69,204	4,360	174,763
1954-55	10,456	36,061	870	12,260	38,165	1,606	89,138	5,675	194,231
1955-56	10,213	33,155	1,238	6,333	38,599	1,824	103,894	6,815	202,071
Quarter ended—									
December, 1955 ..	10,519	32,650	1,377	9,209	40,017	1,667	104,932	6,939	207,310
March, 1956 ..	10,150	33,942	1,225	4,308	39,058	1,707	104,457	6,847	201,694
June, " ..	10,212	33,158	1,569	7,038	35,720	2,230	101,380	7,182	198,489
September, " ..	9,299	31,150	932	3,385	36,410	2,667	105,868	7,075	196,786
December, " ..	9,768	32,817	1,614	3,792	36,172	2,666	107,936	7,465	202,230
Month of—									
October, 1956 ..	9,854	31,650	1,439	2,800	36,548	2,667	108,224	7,142	200,324
November, " ..	10,296	33,650	1,503	4,250	35,904	2,665	107,948	6,905	203,121
December, " ..	8,921	33,650	2,054	4,834	35,904	2,665	107,441	8,748	204,217

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1952-53	74,712	211,737	22,580	123,059	86,513	2,313	638,092	29,693	1,188,699
1953-54	71,244	285,226	17,346	99,368	130,306	3,588	658,534	36,549	1,302,161
1954-55	66,908	269,117	18,436	51,602	121,927	3,425	776,762	48,925	1,357,102
1955-56	66,883	238,803	19,672	50,015	113,977	5,839	804,392	56,042	1,355,623
Quarter ended—									
December, 1955 ..	66,336	231,903	21,436	33,708	109,193	6,459	823,776	57,337	1,350,148
March, 1956 ..	69,451	247,726	18,812	99,673	116,580	6,048	777,702	55,041	1,391,033
June, " ..	64,508	241,026	21,158	43,943	119,593	5,901	793,403	57,314	1,346,846
September, " ..	68,284	223,403	18,016	31,719	117,174	6,982	787,712	57,607	1,310,897
December, " ..	64,798	231,736	22,137	55,291	135,113	7,150	772,680	58,790	1,347,695
Month of—									
October, 1956 ..	64,276	225,903	22,802	51,890	124,617	7,167	780,168	58,536	1,335,359
November, " ..	64,633	235,903	20,520	54,125	136,318	7,161	771,166	59,544	1,349,370
December, " ..	65,886	235,903	23,184	62,516	150,999	7,108	762,216	58,212	1,366,024

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53	4,640	1,153	2,176	3,911	13,874	149	64,731	3,792	94,426
1953-54	5,091	1,090	2,409	7,326	13,977	432	65,982	3,815	100,122
1954-55	4,586	1,108	2,198	5,641	13,972	701	72,189	4,223	105,318
1955-56	3,992	883	1,588	4,119	14,388	245	75,825	5,332	106,372
Quarter ended—									
December, 1955 ..	3,826	891	1,672	3,300	14,086	199	76,075	4,778	104,827
March, 1956 ..	4,368	867	1,530	5,002	14,840	190	75,949	6,008	108,754
June, " ..	3,869	846	1,519	4,915	14,870	207	76,717	5,712	108,655
September, " ..	3,454	830	1,591	2,154	14,800	349	75,875	5,244	104,297
December, " ..	3,934	777	2,097	2,705	15,270	206	76,961	5,547	107,497
Month of—									
October, 1956 ..	3,687	816	1,927	2,330	14,789	180	76,544	5,684	105,957
November, " ..	4,104	764	2,118	2,913	15,495	218	76,944	5,427	107,983
December, " ..	4,120	731	2,354	3,050	15,773	231	77,679	5,476	109,414

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53	88,136	234,621	26,356	144,209	126,227	2,554	762,315	37,469	1,421,887
1953-54	87,335	321,116	20,542	130,098	174,207	5,304	793,720	44,724	1,577,046
1954-55	81,950	306,286	21,504	69,503	174,064	5,732	938,089	59,523	1,656,651
1955-56	81,088	272,841	22,498	60,467	166,964	7,908	984,111	68,189	1,664,066
Quarter ended—									
December, 1955 ..	80,681	265,444	24,485	46,217	163,296	8,325	1,004,783	69,054	1,662,285
March, 1956 ..	83,969	282,535	21,567	108,983	170,478	7,945	958,108	67,896	1,701,481
June, " ..	78,589	275,030	24,246	55,896	170,183	8,338	971,500	70,209	1,653,990
September, " ..	81,037	255,383	20,539	37,258	168,384	9,999	969,455	69,925	1,611,980
December, " ..	78,500	265,330	25,848	61,788	186,555	10,022	957,577	71,802	1,657,422
Month of—									
October, 1956 ..	77,817	258,369	26,168	57,020	175,954	10,014	964,936	71,362	1,641,640
November, " ..	79,033	270,317	24,141	61,288	187,717	10,044	956,058	71,876	1,660,474
December, " ..	78,927	270,284	27,592	70,400	202,676	10,004	947,336	72,436	1,679,655

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.
(£'000.)

Period.		Advances.					Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.
		Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.		Total.		
				Hire Purchase.	Other.			
1952-53	.. ..	44,863	4,267	14,847	8,145	72,122	469	946
1953-54	.. ..	43,183	4,528	16,631	4,749	69,091	628	1,745
1954-55	.. ..	62,316	4,837	17,015	6,717	90,885	748	2,146
1955-56	.. ..	73,751	5,068	16,570	9,031	104,420	597	3,022
Quarter ended—								
December, 1955	.. ..	49,388	5,085	17,149	9,105	80,727	446	2,825
March, 1956	.. ..	93,291	5,066	16,497	9,101	123,955	662	3,044
June, ..	.. ..	98,098	5,055	15,773	9,320	128,246	742	3,742
September, ..	.. ..	65,999	5,081	15,889	9,279	96,248	747	4,090
December, ..	.. ..	45,927	5,112	17,024	9,487	77,550	400	3,813
Month of—								
October, 1956	.. ..	51,440	5,102	16,704	9,409	82,655	400	4,223
November, ..	.. ..	44,837	5,125	17,182	9,504	76,648	400	3,582
December, ..	.. ..	38,192	5,110	17,345	9,594	70,241	400	3,436

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).

(Averages of weekly figures.)

(£A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Li- abilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Govern- ment and Other Secur- ities (Includ- ing Treas- ury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
1952-53	36,860	231,332	318,192	212,890	45,447	287,361	363,576	434,771
1953-54	33,539	299,634	333,223	306,820	41,731	283,397	512,615	407,979
1954-55	40,913	316,110	357,023	306,286	36,795	243,468	415,896	459,839
1955-56	42,965	331,131	374,096	272,841	35,630	208,717	298,885	515,716
Quarter ended—								
December, 1955 ..	42,872	333,839	376,711	265,444	35,081	208,396	300,922	536,385
March, 1956	43,834	333,092	376,926	282,535	36,457	210,034	288,791	527,164
June,	44,998	331,889	376,887	275,030	33,256	203,185	263,960	514,261
September,	42,872	333,866	376,738	255,383	37,600	202,533	287,397	516,186
December,	45,411	341,349	386,760	265,330	31,541	206,473	299,280	552,979
Month of—								
October, 1956 ..	43,669	337,400	381,069	258,369	31,795	206,222	285,889	546,506
November,	43,455	340,639	384,094	270,317	34,169	207,606	302,033	559,167
December,	50,923	348,879	399,802	270,284	27,613	205,378	317,929	555,514

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	25th Dec., 1939.	30th Dec., 1953.	29th Dec., 1954.	28th Dec., 1955.	31st Oct., 1956.	28th Nov., 1956.	26th Dec., 1956.
10s.	4,806	10,571	10,912	11,241	10,754	10,873	11,717
£1	25,805	73,780	75,896	75,106	72,439	72,675	79,318
£5	15,254	182,781	194,881	205,005	167,792	169,718	192,670
£10	6,613	95,916	109,382	121,939	128,569	130,100	147,391
£20	96	6	6	4	4	4	4
£50	1,563	52	50	47	45	45	44
£100	2,615	58	55	50	49	49	49
£1,000	523	449	695	611	817	1,005	1,276
Held by Banks ..	13,009	46,995	52,223	54,985	43,120	43,609	52,072
" Public ..	44,266	316,618	339,604	359,068	337,349	340,860	380,397
Total	57,275	363,613	391,827	414,003	380,469	384,469	432,469

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS. (£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)									
June—1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1953 ..	319,149	319,971	109,360	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
1954 ..	339,796	339,781	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
1955 ..	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
1956 ..	386,676	386,176	132,700	135,756	57,934	37,211	4,666		1,141,119
Dec., 1955	364,119	371,392	128,132	132,760	54,372	36,393	1,522	2,679	1,091,369
Mar., 1956	374,400	375,313	129,075	133,091	55,430	36,531	4,375		1,108,215
June, "	386,676	386,176	132,700	135,756	57,934	37,211	4,666		1,141,119
Sept., "	399,670	396,293	137,994	137,655	60,519	38,526	4,840		1,175,397
Oct., "	403,208	398,953	139,451	138,171	60,993	38,472	4,916		1,184,164
Nov., "	405,482	401,635	140,515	138,608	61,396	38,407	4,998		1,191,041
Dec., "	406,172	400,434	140,773	137,586	61,067	38,193	4,853		1,189,078

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.

June—1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1953 ..	319,149	85,137	109,360	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,363
1954 ..	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
1955 ..	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
1956 ..	383,833	110,215	126,998	31,880	54,295	14,312	4,384		705,917
Dec., 1955	364,119	108,122	128,132	31,037	54,372	13,870	1,522	2,679	703,853
Mar., 1956	361,379	108,287	125,787	31,168	53,730	13,853	4,209		698,413
June, "	363,833	110,215	126,998	31,880	54,295	14,312	4,384		705,917
Sept., "	363,333	111,956	129,062	32,434	54,920	14,735	4,405		710,945
Oct., "	362,962	112,412	129,608	32,727	54,804	14,764	4,438		711,715
Nov., "	362,657	112,879	130,010	32,680	54,866	14,773	4,484		712,349
Dec., "	360,583	112,671	129,441	32,453	54,192	14,752	4,326		708,418

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of December, 1956, was £21,453,000.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1952-53 ..	151,938	131,998	43,796	30,063	22,091	8,850	580	389,316
1953-54 ..	171,709	154,885	51,032	32,802	25,339	9,938	775	440,480
1954-55 ..	187,471	176,147	53,873	36,237	26,247	10,716	821	491,562
1955-56 ..	200,852	185,369	56,028	39,564	26,918	11,615	1,025	521,371
Quarter ended—								
December, 1955 ..	211,406	195,159	58,105	40,625	27,463	11,336	990	545,093
March, 1956 ..	190,013	182,530	52,606	40,150	28,201	11,130	1,109	505,739
June, "	208,454	190,805	57,198	40,311	26,947	13,011	1,065	538,291
September, "	200,565	176,866	58,661	38,372	26,709	11,739	1,041	513,953
December, "	226,150	196,127	64,536	43,308	29,145	12,992	1,131	573,389
Month of—								
October, 1956 ..	221,778	192,266	63,266	42,023	29,264	12,366	1,204	562,167
November, "	226,063	194,263	65,496	42,764	29,236	12,453	964	571,239
December, "	231,702	202,819	65,165	45,459	28,903	14,312	1,207	589,567

(a) Covers all cheque-paying banks and in addition the special departments of the Commonwealth Bank (Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Department).

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operative.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	4	1.4.56	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Other ..	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.4.56	4
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years	5	1.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Over 20 years			
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans ..	(a) 6	1.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	5 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	29.3.56	4 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 5
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans	5	9.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Loans to Co-operative Building and Housing Societies	5	1.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Commonwealth Trading Bank—			
Overdraft—General	(a) 6	1.4.56	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Local Government Authorities	5	1.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft	(a) 6	1.4.56	5
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies	6	1-21.5.56	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term	5	10.5.56	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates)	1	1.8.52	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	15.3.56	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
6 months	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15.3.56	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 months	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	15.3.56	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
24 months	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.12.56	3
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank and Savings Banks not specified elsewhere—			
£1 to £500	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.4.56	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
£501 to £1,000			
£1,001 to £1,500(b)			
Savings Bank of South Australia—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.4.56	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
£1 to £750	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.4.56	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
£751 to £1,500(b)			
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—			
£1- £450(c)	3	1.3.56	2 $\frac{3}{4}$

(a) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. (b) No interest is payable on the excess over £1,500 except on deposits in Friendly and other Society accounts. The current rates for these accounts are:—On first £2,000, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ %; and on excess over £2,000, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.

(c) No interest is payable on the excess over £450.

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks—						C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate of Interest).	Treasury Bills (Dis-count Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales Urban and Rural Securities. (c)
	Fixed Deposits.				Overdrafts.				Short-dated 2 Years. (b)	Long-dated 12 Years. (b)	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	C'wealth. Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.					
1938-39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25	(d)	2.00	1.75	(e) 3.67	(e) 3.84	5.4
1951-52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(f)1.50	(g) 4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	1.73	4.71	4.96	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	1.13	1.38	1.63	1.88	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	5.07	5.25	2.56	1.00	4.39	4.76	5.7
Month of—											(h)
Dec., 1955	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.19	4.53	5.7
Mar., 1956	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.68	5.12	5.9
June, "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.13	5.34	6.1
Sept., "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.99	5.04	6.4
Oct., 1956	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.68	5.05	6.5
Nov., "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.60	5.07	6.6
Dec., "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(i) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.69	5.09	6.6

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) Average of monthly quotations. (d) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. (e) Weighted averages for loans maturing in (i) under 5 years and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity. (f) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amount in excess. (g) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower, and since April, 1956, 1 per cent. lower than rates shown. (h) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (i) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES : AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Dec., 1955.	Dec., 1956.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng. ..	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa ..	£A. to £100 S.A. ..	125.55	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand ..	£A. to £100 N.Z. ..	100.59	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54
Fiji ..	£A. to £100 F. ..	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America	Dollars to £A.1 ..	3.76	2.24	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.22
Canada ..	Dollars to £A.1 ..	3.78	2.19	2.17	2.21	2.23	2.13
Belgium ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	110.94	110.88	110.60	110.38	110.63	110.82
Denmark ..	Kroner to £A.1 ..	17.78	15.34	15.36	15.31	15.30	15.33
France ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	141.21	777.96	776.71	778.02	779.46	779.83
Holland ..	Florins to £A.1 ..	6.94	8.34	8.42	8.43	8.43	8.43
Philippines ..	Pesos to £A.1 ..	7.53	4.46	4.45	4.44	4.43	4.42
Norway ..	Kroner to £A.1 ..	15.80	15.83	15.84	15.84	15.84	15.78
Noumea ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	(a)	138.65	138.61	138.61	138.61	138.61
Sweden ..	Kronor to £A.1 ..	15.41	11.49	11.51	11.48	11.50	11.45
Switzerland ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	16.59	9.69	9.71	9.70	9.73	9.72
Hong Kong ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.88	18.83	18.84	18.78	18.77	18.80
India ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.60	22.76	22.73	22.72	22.72	22.72
Pakistan ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(b)	32.69	32.69	32.57	22.72	22.72
Ceylon ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(c)	22.81	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.80
Singapore ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.22	35.30	35.42	35.27	35.47	35.35

(a) Not available. (b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India. (c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1946. Quotations previously same as India.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)

Period.	New Policies Issued.					Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(c)				
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.		No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.	
1939.. ..	135,511	£'000. 46,635	385,498	£'000. 18,542	£'000. 65,177	76,917	£'000. 24,094	262,096	£'000. 12,132	£'000. 36,226
1952-53	283,718	225,944	274,232	35,347	261,291	117,886	67,157	250,106	19,081	86,238
1953-54	284,504	254,125	239,569	32,562	286,687	143,766	81,268	261,779	20,556	101,824
1954-55	282,059	292,374	220,979	32,809	325,183	149,683	93,932	275,754	22,538	116,470
1955-56	297,558	334,717	210,607	32,657	367,374	168,591	110,273	277,099	23,755	134,208
Quarter ended—										
December, 1955 ..	74,225	95,005	54,380	8,597	103,602	42,195	25,736	76,990	6,610	32,346
March, 1956 ..	58,334	59,225	40,100	6,061	65,236	37,223	26,085	62,296	5,758	31,853
June,	71,539	81,902	55,676	8,558	90,460	47,293	29,477	74,634	6,510	35,987
September,	83,418	101,249	65,812	10,341	111,590	44,191	30,370	70,984	5,854	36,224
December,	76,068	116,862	49,558	8,015	124,877	44,379	29,423	62,493	6,577	36,000
Month of—										
October, 1956 ..	22,802	30,266	16,139	2,484	32,750	13,995	9,888	25,406	2,350	12,238
November,	25,701	32,053	18,673	2,974	35,027	14,226	9,110	25,944	2,396	11,506
December,	27,565	54,543	14,746	2,557	57,100	16,158	10,425	11,143	1,831	12,256

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, &c., and New Loans Granted.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Premiums.(b)			Claims, &c., Paid.(c)			New Loans Granted.(d)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1939	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(e)
1952-53	50,237	13,761	63,998	18,911	7,426	26,337	36,136
1953-54	56,152	14,062	70,214	21,148	8,036	29,184	34,459
1954-55	62,101	14,616	76,717	23,791	8,853	32,644	51,825
1955-56	69,426	14,734	84,160	27,159	9,511	36,670	56,925
Quarter ended—							
December, 1955 ..	16,884	4,104	20,988	6,781	2,311	9,092	15,931
March, 1956 ..	15,216	3,166	18,382	6,065	2,204	8,269	12,938
June,	19,740	3,829	23,569	7,152	2,476	9,628	13,565
September,	19,474	3,729	23,203	7,733	2,705	10,438	15,266
December,	18,438	4,174	22,612	7,375	2,428	9,803	16,091
Month of—							
October, 1956 ..	6,223	1,265	7,488	2,651	907	3,558	4,517
November,	6,006	1,429	7,435	2,381	852	3,233	5,931
December,	6,209	1,480	7,689	2,343	669	3,012	5,643

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Excludes advances of premiums. (e) Not available.

Section VII.—Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.
(\$'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Six months ended December—	
				1955.	1956.
TAXATION—					
Customs	31,161	101,254	87,508	46,259	36,440
Excise	16,472	143,149	168,264	79,024	108,401
Sales Tax	9,308	100,446	110,001	53,341	59,996
Flour Tax(a)	1,809	..	..	..	..
Land Tax	1,439	13	..	..	1
Income Taxes(b)	11,883	532,916	573,988	148,405	141,454
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	41,455	45,543	22,370	24,042
Estate Duty	1,915	9,614	10,120	4,943	5,788
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	1,618	1,820	900	899
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	—2	—1	..	..
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax(a) (c) .. 74	..	784	851	423	450
Wheat Export Charge(a) .. .. .	..	5,063	4,294	3,190	167
Other Export Charges(c)(d) .. .. .	..	300	414	249	205
Stevedoring Industry Charge(a) .. .. .	..	998	973	514	626
Tobacco Industry Charge(a) .. .. .	..	..	5	..	29
Total, Taxation	74,111	937,608	1,003,780	359,518	378,498
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	72,825	79,341	39,267	42,861
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	1,928	2,545	936	1,459
Central Australia	138	1,483	1,937	935	664
North Australia	50	70	86	46	50
Australian Capital Territory	7	29	15	9	13
Total, Railways	526	3,510	4,583	1,926	2,186
Broadcasting and Television Services	(e)	3,875	3,897	2,059	2,367
Total, Business Undertakings	17,892	80,210	87,821	43,252	47,414
TERRITORIES(f)	356	2,419	2,249	1,109	1,178
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	128	725	199	100	250
Defence	151	4,106	3,820	1,557	1,608
Atomic Energy Commission .. .. .	..	1,082	30	9	..
Civil Aviation	6	4,644	1,159	317	339
Health	18	86	94	52	43
Attorney-General	111	371	408	188	213
Commerce and Agriculture	6	..	..	..	..
Shipping and Transport	152	321	329	134	613
Net Profit on Note Issue	767	5,516	7,866	4,206	4,708
Other	1,367	30,353	30,603	16,029	10,944
Total	2,706	47,204	44,508	22,592	18,718
Grand Total	95,065	1,067,441	1,138,358	426,471	445,808
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	10 13 9	103 2 11	106 9 10	38 16 10	39 18 7
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	8 16 6	9 6 4	4 13 5	5 0 0
Other	0 8 10	5 9 2	4 19 3	2 11 3	2 2 0
Total	13 14 2	117 8 7	120 15 5	46 1 6	47 0 7

(a) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (b) Includes Social Services Contribution, Wool Deduction, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (c) Wool levy for publicity and research. (d) Prior to 1952-53 treated as refunds of revenue. (e) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (f) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Six Months ended December—	
				1955.	1956.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services	5,316	(a) 72,030	(a) 80,838	(a) 39,468	(a) 43,792
Interest and Debt Redemption, n.e.i.(b) ..	3,839	6,645	8,799	7,422	7,954
Capital Works and Services, n.e.i. ..	634	59,586	61,390	32,748	28,543
National Welfare and Social Services(c) ..	16,425	189,319	214,866	105,291	108,780
Subsidies and Bounties	236	21,539	17,393	8,676	6,924
Defence Services	8,928	186,794	190,716	79,222	90,036
War and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	9,665	58,507	59,813	28,287	28,150
War Pensions	8,227	44,548	47,307	22,851	24,756
Other Services	1,365	17,270	17,367	11,926	10,268
Total, War and Repatriation Services	19,257	120,325	124,487	63,064	63,174
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	2,887	2,958	2,323	1,162	1,017
Capital Works and Services	3,851	25,839	28,970	15,164	15,726
Other	11,991	73,289	83,304	39,401	43,369
Total, Postmaster-General's Department	18,729	102,086	114,597	55,727	60,112
Railways—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	530	573	560	284	282
Capital Works and Services	142	3,100	2,674	1,080	1,307
Other	801	3,049	3,161	1,579	1,887
Total, Railways	1,473	6,722	6,395	2,943	3,476
Broadcasting and Television Services—					
Capital Works and Services .. ..	..	273	817	183	942
Other .. ..	..	4,871	5,590	2,538	3,228
Total, Broadcasting and Television Services	(d)	5,144	6,407	2,721	4,170
Total, Business Undertakings	20,202	113,952	127,399	61,391	67,758
Territories(e)—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	376	361	366	188	188
Capital Works and Services	739	5,168	8,049	3,932	3,497
Other—					
Northern Territory	323	2,749	3,195	1,388	1,683
Australian Capital Territory	349	2,514	2,385	1,032	1,245
Papua-New Guinea	47	7,313	8,615	3,852	4,590
Norfolk Island	5	34	30	13	11
Cocos Island .. ..	..	..	12	..	6
Total, Territories	1,839	18,139	22,652	10,405	11,220
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts(f)	7,585	7,585	7,585	3,792	3,792
Redemption of States' Debts	1,478	3,947	4,310	2,187	2,343
Special Grants	2,020	12,300	18,500	8,901	9,241
Grants, for Road Construction, &c., purposes	4,266	22,361	27,469	13,320	16,196
Tax Reimbursement Grants .. ..	..	130,046	141,578	62,778	61,860
States Grants—Special Assistance .. ..	..	19,902	15,348	..	7,764
Tuberculosis Act—Reimbursement of Capital Expenditure .. ..	..	1,709	1,758	189	650
Mental Institutions—Contribution to Capital Expenditure .. ..	..	..	..	..	200
Other(g)	320	2,879	3,994	1,465	1,649
Total, Payments to or for the States	15,669	200,729	220,542	92,632	103,695
Other Expenditure	2,089	8,232	7,663	4,385	3,792
GRAND TOTAL	94,437	(h)997,290	h1,076,745	504,704	535,673
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ s. d. 109 14 3	£ s. d. 114 4 8	£ s. d. 54 10 6	£ s. d. 56 10 2

(a) Includes freight concessions on North Australia and Central Australia Railways. (b) Includes exchange on interest payments. (c) For expenditure on Social Services see page 76. (d) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure. (e) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (f) Excludes balance of interest payable on States debts (recoverable from States). (g) Includes contributions to South Australia for Port Augusta—Port Pirie Railway. (h) Excludes transfer of surplus revenue 1954-55, £70,151,000; and 1955-56, £61,613,000 to Trust Accounts.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.
(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Total to 30th June, 1956.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges .. ..	..	5,684	4,199	4,039	7,622	1,640,350
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department ..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	Cr. 2	Cr. 1	40,527
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways .. ..	..	Cr. 4	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 5	13,744
Territories(b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	Cr. 4	Cr. 3	8,716
Other .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—						
Housing .. ..	..	30,000	37,200	29,150	33,200	240,559
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Emergency Wheat Storage .. ..	..	..	..	..	3,182	3,182
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	29,986	37,187	29,143	36,373	353,970
International Bank Dollar Loans(c) ..	..	17,935	21,468	23,575	19,369	110,222
Swiss Loans(d) .. ..	..	..	5,792	5,930	..	11,722
Canadian Loan(e) .. ..	..	..	..	..	6,459	6,459
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	53,605	68,646	62,687	69,823	2,495,713

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (c) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (d) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account. (e) Paid to Canadian Loan Trust Account.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC.(a)

Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Sub- scribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.		
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1951—May	40,000	46,192	328	..	48,938	2, 3½	1954, (b) 1962-65
August	40,000	22,628	..	3,840	28,660	2, 3½	1954, 1962-65
November	13,233	12,909	..	1,470	12,076	"	"
1952—March	30,533	19,449	..	1,787	15,862	"	1955, 1962-65
November	20,000	26,925	..	2,459	17,810	4½	1961
1953—March	29,789	20,841	92	3,595	28,331	3, 4½	(c) 1955, 1962
September	50,000	30,977	..	6,850	59,468	"	1955, 1966
1954—March	35,000	24,974	..	65	52,000	"	(d) 1957, 1967
August	37,594	26,832	..	5	46,505	"	(d) 1957, 1967
November	50,000	18,383	..	..	37,159	"	(e) 1957, 1968
1955—March	40,000	13,299	..	1	44,095	"	(f) 1957, 1968
August	35,000	23,630	..	5	39,627	"	(g) 1956, 1965, 1970
November	30,000	11,653	..	18	28,032	"	(g) 1956, 1965, 1970
1956—May	30,000	20,734	..	34	33,000	3½, 5	(c) 1957, (c) 1963
August	30,000	14,871	..	..	31,432	"	(g) 1957, (g) 1963, 1976
October	29,184	9,232	..	..	30,092	4, 5	(c) 1958, 1965, 1976

(a) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (b) Price of issue: £90. (c) Price of issue: £90 10s. (d) Price of issue: £98 10s. (e) Price of issue: £98 15s. (f) Price of issue: £99 5s. (g) Price of issue: £99 15s.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1956, see page 75.

**COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION,
INDIVIDUALS—1954-55.(a)**

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.		Number of Tax- payers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
				Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£	£	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105- 200	..	166,549	25,837	23,144	1,726	24,870	258
201- 300	..	220,238	55,468	49,094	2,821	51,915	1,181
301- 400	..	247,650	86,938	75,757	3,782	79,539	2,903
401- 500	..	281,456	127,263	108,903	4,831	113,734	5,614
501- 600	..	329,867	181,160	154,240	4,883	159,123	9,645
601- 700	..	339,308	221,359	177,300	4,831	182,131	12,540
701- 800	..	472,930	355,466	274,746	5,011	279,757	21,129
801- 900	..	428,261	362,936	275,062	5,013	280,075	23,229
901- 1,000	..	308,464	292,231	220,232	4,786	225,068	20,564
1,001- 1,250	..	382,728	421,095	312,568	10,053	322,621	33,422
1,251- 1,500	..	134,385	182,232	135,088	7,990	143,078	17,922
1,501- 2,000	..	101,130	172,527	129,094	12,122	141,216	21,930
2,001- 3,000	..	70,043	168,702	128,647	16,110	144,757	30,330
3,001- 4,000	..	27,762	95,414	74,101	10,590	84,691	22,690
4,001- 5,000	..	13,155	58,379	45,111	7,647	52,758	16,681
5,001-10,000	..	16,995	112,677	85,499	17,931	103,430	42,617
10,001-15,000	..	2,795	33,351	24,819	6,339	31,158	16,212
15,001 and over	..	1,528	36,476	25,691	7,778	33,469	20,241
Total Residents		3,545,184	2,989,511	2,319,146	134,244	2,453,390	319,108
Central Office	..	12,631	38,900	23,251	11,595	34,846	13,826
New South Wales	..	1,331,242	1,129,790	881,594	46,187	927,781	118,700
Victoria	..	1,025,706	846,543	659,711	39,997	699,708	85,287
Queensland	..	481,712	391,042	301,985	12,822	314,807	41,793
South Australia	..	321,439	271,416	209,710	12,673	222,383	27,639
Western Australia	..	242,733	207,868	162,732	7,479	170,211	22,628
Tasmania	..	110,081	85,945	65,952	3,147	69,099	7,448
Northern Territory	..	5,537	5,226	4,085	53	4,138	484
Australian Capital Territory	..	14,103	12,781	10,126	291	10,417	1,308
Total Residents	..	3,545,184	2,989,511	2,319,146	134,244	2,453,390	319,108
Total Non-Residents	..	8,953	4,781	1,143	3,842	4,485	1,066
Grand Total	..	3,549,137	2,994,292	2,320,289	137,586	2,457,875	320,174

(a) Assessed on income for year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

Resident and Non-Resident Companies 1954-55.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income and State or Territory of Assessment.		Number of Taxpayers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.	Net Tax Assessed.(b)
£	£	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1 -	5,000 ..	17,916	32,813	26,043	5,278
5,001 -	10,000 ..	3,716	27,759	26,158	6,001
10,001 -	20,000 ..	2,590	38,062	36,474	9,433
20,001 -	50,000 ..	2,031	64,881	63,018	17,564
50,001 -	100,000 ..	858	61,787	59,871	17,400
100,001 -	200,000 ..	469	67,908	65,857	19,788
200,001 -	500,000 ..	264	90,640	80,478	23,819
500,001 and over	..	134	213,937	191,176	59,604
Total ..		27,978	597,787	549,075	158,887
Central Office ..		2,943	309,545	271,317	82,697
New South Wales ..		11,096	122,019	118,294	32,570
Victoria ..		7,510	82,876	80,407	21,377
Queensland ..		1,936	28,884	27,553	8,143
South Australia ..		2,525	28,296	27,648	7,193
Western Australia ..		1,215	18,841	16,664	4,894
Tasmania ..		622	6,586	6,527	1,897
Northern Territory ..		28	164	137	31
Australian Capital Territory		103	576	528	85
Total ..		27,978	597,787	549,075	158,887

(a) Assessed on income for year 1953-54.
Income of private companies £4,001,000.

(b) Excludes additional tax levied on the undistributed

Commonwealth Gift Duty 1953-54.

Grade of Value of Gift as Assessed.		Number of Assessments (a)	Value as Assessed.	Net Duty Assessed.
£	£	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1 -	1,000 ..	776	263	9
1,001 -	2,000 ..	226	350	12
2,001 -	3,000 ..	1,208	3,060	90
3,001 -	4,000 ..	697	2,462	75
4,001 -	5,000 ..	523	2,403	74
5,001 -	10,000 ..	1,190	8,675	272
10,001 -	20,000 ..	538	7,400	329
20,001 -	50,000 ..	186	5,174	423
50,001 and over	..	14	965	156
Total ..		5,358	30,757	1,440

(a) Number of assessments assessed during 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1953-54.

Grade of Dutiable Value.						Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Assessed.
£	£					No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1- 1,000	..	..	..	..	..	5,584	12,587	2,463	74
1,001- 2,000	..	..	..	..	..	3,039	10,342	4,428	132
2,001- 3,000	..	..	..	..	..	1,844	8,366	4,552	135
3,001- 4,000	..	..	..	..	..	1,408	7,760	4,867	145
4,001- 5,000	..	..	..	..	..	1,095	7,257	4,899	146
5,001-10,000	..	..	..	..	..	2,912	27,240	20,598	611
10,001-20,000	..	..	..	..	..	2,154	36,041	30,765	1,345
20,001-50,000	..	..	..	..	..	1,321	46,652	38,721	3,148
50,001 and over	..	..	..	..	..	264	31,660	22,626	4,353
Total	..	..	..	..	..	19,621	187,905	133,919	10,089

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Tax-able and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.										Sales Tax Pay-able.	
		8½ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16½ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	33½ per cent.	50 per cent.	66½ per cent.		Total.
1951-52 ..	1,945,086	134,246	24,243	327,442	..	85,192	6,079	..	36,276	4,983	4,929	623,390	91,332
1952-53 ..	1,897,669	..	..	403,680	..	121,413	134	..	23,000	6,794	369	555,390	86,085
1953-54 ..	2,154,269	..	..	483,736	176,136	24,265	..	..	3,007	802	..	687,946	96,079
1954-55 ..	2,466,282	..	140,620	421,607	204,713	..	..	..	..	..	..	766,940	101,427
1955-56 ..	2,655,639	..	159,157	405,029	185,102	..	15,431	34,055	..	..	..	798,774	111,469
Quarter—													
1955—													
Sept. ..	667,323	..	40,082	107,728	55,354	..	..	..	..	..	..	203,164	26,700
Dec. ..	690,477	..	48,091	121,857	56,914	..	..	..	..	..	..	226,862	29,527
1956—													
Mar. ..	620,987	..	35,997	99,432	44,060	..	1,946	5,450	..	..	..	186,885	25,493
June ..	676,852	..	34,987	76,012	28,774	..	13,485	28,605	..	..	..	181,863	29,749
Sept. ..	677,378	..	36,280	83,512	27,162	..	16,912	27,207	..	..	..	191,073	30,984
Month—													
1956—													
July ..	210,270	..	11,166	25,728	9,132	..	5,037	8,770	..	..	..	59,833	9,745
Aug. ..	237,585	..	12,793	29,539	9,302	..	5,953	9,330	..	..	..	66,917	10,809
Sept. ..	229,523	..	12,321	28,245	8,728	..	5,922	9,107	..	..	..	64,323	10,430

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. The following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1955–56 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States—(i) Treasury transfers to Railway revenue £1,000,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits £2,325,000 paid to Consolidated Revenue and then distributed to hospitals, have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £205,399,000 and from the Expenditure total of £224,651,000. In addition, £12,419,000 has been deducted from expenditure on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and on account of contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramway and Omnibus Services. Although contributions towards accumulated losses of Business Undertakings have been made from Consolidated Revenue Fund in previous years, no adjustment to aggregate expenditure was made until 1952–53. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following Treasury transfers to Business Undertakings have been excluded from Revenue and Expenditure—New South Wales (as stated above)—Railways £1,000,000; and South Australia Railways £4,050,000.

STATE REVENUES. (£'000.)

Sources of Revenue and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
1955–56.							
Taxation(c)	24,051	22,904	9,627	8,075 (d)	4,155	3,595	72,407
Railways	75,386	37,300	30,404	13,045	13,052	..	169,187
Tramways and Omnibuses	11,067	..	..	..	951	..	12,018
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	3,043	6,860	..	5,410	3,346	5	18,664
Land	5,340	2,322	3,748	546	1,249	424	13,629
Interest n.e.l.	1,292	4,138	1,973	4,066	1,534	2,917	15,920
Commonwealth Payments (e)	64,237	41,570	25,737	19,980	21,685	9,802	183,011
All other Sources	17,658	8,058	4,180	4,230	3,640	1,084	38,850
Total Revenue 1955–56	202,074	123,162	75,669	55,352	49,612	17,827	523,686
Total Revenue per head	£ s. d. 57 6 9	£ s. d. 48 0 4	£ s. d. 55 18 10	£ s. d. 66 6 8	£ s. d. 74 3 1	£ s. d. 55 17 0	£ s. d. 56 10 6
1954–55	193,039	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070 (b)	14,495	492,897
1953–54	186,642	106,748	69,696	48,376	43,506 (b)	13,285	463,343
1952–53	180,908	96,995	63,171	44,251	38,725 (b)	12,061	436,111
1951–52	167,095	81,661	55,753	37,588	33,955 (b)	10,469	386,521
1938–39	51,098	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282

STATE EXPENDITURES. (£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas. (b)	Total.
1955–56.							
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	24,422	19,160	11,053	11,786	8,102	5,017	79,540
Railways	70,621	36,199	32,899	14,751	15,756	..	170,226
Tramways and Omnibuses	13,837	..	..	..	1,173	..	15,010
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,189	4,242	..	4,100	3,983 (f)	1,123	15,637
Education	35,181	23,275	10,194	7,441	7,391	3,628	87,110
Hospitals	17,154	15,446	7,094	4,489	4,300	1,712	50,195
Other Charities	3,621	3,972	2,207	739	1,057	663	12,259
All Other Expenditure	41,882	24,104	13,945	13,476 (g)	9,681 (h)	5,569	108,657
Total Expenditure 1955–56	208,907	126,398	77,392	56,782	51,443	17,712	538,634
Total Expenditure per head	£ s. d. 59 5 6	£ s. d. 49 5 7	£ s. d. 57 4 4	£ s. d. 68 0 11	£ s. d. 76 17 10	£ s. d. 55 9 10	£ s. d. 58 2 9
1954–55	195,187	115,453	73,602	50,918	46,554 (b)	14,707	496,421
1953–54	186,514	106,037	69,353	46,566	43,699 (b)	13,270	465,439
1952–53	180,811	97,360	62,980	44,226	39,233 (b)	11,763	436,373
1951–52	166,997	84,067	55,708	37,499	34,547 (b)	10,871	389,689
1938–39	53,558	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,159

(a) Revenue includes balance of Special Grant for 1953–54—South Australia—£540,000, Western Australia—£25,000, Tasmania—£184,000.

(b) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission.

(c) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1955–56, see p. 74.

(d) Gross collections.

(e) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements.

(f) Losses of Transport Commission and contribution to Metropolitan Transport Trust.

(g) Includes reduction of 1953–54 deficit, £25,000.

(h) Includes reduction of 1953–54 adjusted surplus, —£184,400.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1955-56.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	13,466	7,840	4,009	2,435	3,128	155	31,033
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	965	..	..	482	Cr. 58	162	1,551
Roads and Bridges ..	150	1,066	Cr. 71	100	..	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, etc. ..	1,809	392	32	887	819	764	5,948
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	2,269	7,068	1,753	5,025	2,206	266	18,587
Electricity Supply ..	11,237	1,000	..	5,987	1,025	7,638	26,887
Public Buildings ..	12,380	13,045	3,350	3,629	2,094	1,940	36,438
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 18	Cr. 9	..	..	..	..	Cr. 27
Housing ..	Cr. 1,143	105	603	2,299	1,829	2,014	5,707
Other(b) ..	419	413	4,734	110	209	212	6,097
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement(c) ..	1,441	2,229	518	133	..	Cr. 111	4,210
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	5,446	..	1,710	1,244	551	..	8,951
Other ..	1,329	775	2,377	1,649	209	212	6,551
Other purposes ..	..	2,419	..	172	1,302	49	3,942
Total Works, etc. ..	49,570	36,343	19,015	24,152	13,314	13,801	155,875
Non-Works—							
Revenue, etc., Deficits ..	£ s. d. 14 2 4	£ s. d. 14 3 5	£ s. d. 14 1 2	£ s. d. 28 18 10	£ s. d. 19 18 0	£ s. d. 41 13 5	£ s. d. 16 16 0
Other(d) ..	.. 8	.. 31	.. 94	Cr. 47 56	Cr. 158 12	169 54	230 231
Grand Total ..	49,578	36,374	19,109	24,161	13,460	13,524	156,386

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1956.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	260,861	134,647	106,368	55,083	58,438	14,269	629,666
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	19,276	..	..	7,623	1,921	293	29,113
Roads and Bridges ..	21,832	20,413	10,367	4,967	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, etc. ..	34,395	3,317	4,140	13,958	14,536	11,858	142,966
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	52,280	93,324	11,141	56,308	29,536	1,925	244,514
Electricity Supply ..	98,273	44,089	..	37,637	15,507	58,733	254,239
Public Buildings ..	87,319	73,491	26,635	18,474	16,121	13,021	235,061
Unemployment Relief ..	15,959	13,147	..	..	..	330	29,436
Housing ..	8,467	10,065	8,433	34,407	7,555	14,495	83,422
Other(b) ..	14,934	6,279	50,567	2,773	3,365	4,741	82,659
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement(c) ..	41,733	92,387	10,342	9,683	13,164	2,608	169,917
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	52,769	..	10,046	13,894	7,235	..	83,944
Other ..	18,483	20,057	25,469	15,626	17,179	2,720	99,534
Other purposes ..	189	21,866	..	5,359	17,466	2,404	47,284
Total Works, etc. ..	726,770	533,082	263,508	275,792	205,206	127,397	2,131,755
Non-Works—							
Revenue, etc., Deficits ..	38,948	15,455	5,826	8,683	12,333	3,647	84,892
Other(d) ..	27,909	10,478	16,092	3,464	6,141	2,022	66,106
Grand Total ..	793,627	559,015	285,426	287,939	223,680	133,066	2,282,753

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, etc. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, etc. (e) Aggregate gross loan expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1956.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust. Stg.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust. Stg.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales ..	565,261	122,112	10,763	698,136	20,427	3,914	414	24,755
Victoria ..	397,577	44,705	3,431	445,713	14,886	1,446	121	16,453
Queensland ..	204,989	43,554	4,256	252,799	7,380	1,445	148	8,973
South Australia ..	216,659	35,316	2,448	254,423	7,989	1,118	92	9,199
Western Australia ..	151,838	35,770	1,125	188,733	5,465	1,149	41	6,655
Tasmania ..	114,918	6,992	313	122,223	4,332	281	12	4,575
Total ..	1,651,242	288,449	22,336	1,962,027	60,479	9,303	828	70,610

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amt of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1955.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	26,047	16,786	10,429	8,290	9,632	4,286	75,470	..	..
Taxation ..	11,802	10,743	4,506	3,719	1,922	1,406	34,188	359,518	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	38,047	17,728	16,602	6,456	6,304	..	85,227	1,928	..
Other ..	7,305	329	..	2,104	2,198	..	11,936	41,326	..
Other ..	10,227	5,510	3,925	3,247	2,713	1,881	27,503	23,701	..
Total ..	93,428	51,096	35,642	23,816	22,769	7,573	234,324	426,471	582,313
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92,632	..
Debt Services ..	12,034	9,512	5,186	5,599	4,065	2,449	38,845	37,343	..
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways ..	35,846	18,546	16,119	7,495	7,895 (e)	530	86,231	1,579	..
Other ..	7,635	323	..	1,917	1,869 (f)	140	11,884	41,939	..
Other ..	45,834	31,859	17,341	12,777	11,773	5,664	125,248	331,211	..
Total ..	101,149	60,240	38,646	27,788	25,602	8,783	262,208	504,704	683,430
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	-7,721	-9,144	-3,004	-3,972	-2,833	-1,210	-27,884	-78,233	-106,117

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	27,571	19,484	11,456	9,560	10,370	4,217	82,658	..	..
Taxation ..	13,115	10,789	4,810	3,820	1,632	1,982	36,148	378,498	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	39,759	17,888	18,829	6,666	7,391	..	90,533	2,186	..
Other ..	8,383	257	..	2,948	2,315	..	13,903	45,228	..
Other ..	11,187	5,657	4,494	4,078	3,126	2,151	30,693	19,896	..
Total ..	100,015	54,075	39,589	27,072	24,834	8,350	253,935	445,808	613,776
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	103,695	..
Debt Services ..	12,383	10,195	5,662	6,027	4,390	2,708	41,365	37,591	..
Business Undertakings (d) ..									
Railways ..	38,496	18,817	19,171	7,794	8,495 (e)	540	93,313	1,887	..
Other ..	7,917	334	..	2,065	2,063 (f)	110	12,489	46,597	..
Other ..	49,222	36,031	19,021	14,103	13,406	6,113	137,896	345,903	..
Total ..	108,018	65,377	43,854	29,989	28,354	9,471	285,063	535,673	734,769
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	-8,003	-11,302	-4,265	-2,917	-3,520	-1,121	-31,128	-89,865	-120,993

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, etc., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, special financial assistance, interest on States' debts and special grants, also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

(c) Includes payments to State trust funds. (d) Excludes interest, etc., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission. (f) Contribution towards working expenses of Metropolitan Transport Commission.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Six months ended December—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common- wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1955	21,973	16,174	8,410	11,299	6,879	7,013	71,748	17,633	89,381
1956	23,226	14,718	9,598	10,750	7,677	4,078	70,047	10,648	80,695

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loans, payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loans and payment to Canadian Loan Trust Account on account of Canadian Loan.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1955-56.(a)

(£'000.)

State, &c.	Income Taxes.	Customs and Excise.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.)	Motor Taxes.	Enter-tainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	18	..	2	9,753	8,260	10,880	2,923	3,095	34,981
Victoria ..	25	..	3,250	7,102	4,381	6,778	3,120	5,348	30,004
Queensland ..	13	..	1,387	2,948	2,549	5,339	294	2,194	14,724
South Australia ..	..	..	567	1,846	1,274	3,477	1,167	166	8,497
Western Australia ..	1	..	529	1,107	1,195	1,516	878	444	5,670
Tasmania ..	17	..	234	632	522	929	494	1,246	4,074
Total States ..	74	..	5,969	23,388	18,181	28,919	8,876	12,493	97,900
Commonwealth ..	578,988	255,772	..	10,120	..	..	-1	6163,901	1,003,780
Grand Total ..	574,062	255,772	5,969	33,508	18,181	28,919	8,875	176,394	1,101,680

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	0 0 1	..	..	2 15 4	2 6 11	3 1 9	0 16 7	0 17 7	9 18 3
Victoria ..	0 0 2	..	1 5 4	2 15 5	1 14 2	2 12 10	1 4 4	2 1 9	11 14 0
Queensland ..	0 0 2	..	1 0 6	2 3 7	1 17 8	3 18 11	0 4 4	1 12 6	10 17 8
South Australia ..	..	..	0 13 7	2 4 3	1 10 6	4 3 4	1 7 11	0 4 0	10 3 7
Western Australia ..	0 0 1	..	0 15 10	1 13 1	1 15 8	2 5 3	1 6 3	0 13 4	8 9 6
Tasmania ..	0 0 1	..	0 14 8	1 19 7	1 12 8	2 18 3	1 10 11	3 18 1	12 15 3
Total States ..	0 0 2	..	0 12 11	2 10 6	1 19 3	3 2 5	0 19 2	1 6 11	10 11 4
Commonwealth ..	61 12 4	27 9 1	..	1 1 9	..	..	..	617 11 10	107 15 0
Grand Total ..	61 12 6	27 9 1	0 12 11	3 11 11	1 19 3	3 2 1	0 19 1	18 18 9	118 5 5

(a) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 65 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax £110,001,000. £11 16s. 2d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £45,543,000, £4 17s. 9d. per head of population.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Income Taxes.	Customs and Excise.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	11,883	47,633	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,519	124,630
1952-53 ..	(a) 554,737	183,824	89,067	67,836	895,464	71,158	966,622
1953-54 ..	(a) 528,181	220,217	95,689	56,363	900,450	80,400	980,850
1954-55 ..	532,916	244,403	100,446	59,848	937,613	89,486	1,027,099
1955-56 ..	255,772	573,988	110,001	64,019	1,003,780	97,900	1,101,680

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

1938-39 ..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 6
1952-53 ..	21 0 11	a 63 10 3	10 4 0	7 15 4	102 10 6	8 3 9	110 13 5
1953-54 ..	24 14 10	a 59 6 11	10 15 0	6 6 8	101 3 5	9 1 7	110 4 1
1954-55 ..	26 17 9	58 12 6	11 1 0	6 11 8	103 2 11	9 17 11	112 19 7
1955-56 ..	27 9 1	61 12 4	11 16 2	6 17 5	107 15 0	10 11 4	118 5 5

(a) Includes Wool Deduction—1952-53, —£2,223,000 (—5s. 1d. per head) and 1953-54, —£239,000 (—6d. per head).

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1955-56.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	54,209	36,044	22,518	12,681	11,251	4,875	141,578
State Tax Collections ..	34,931	30,004	14,724	8,497	5,670	4,074	97,900
Total ..	89,140	66,048	37,242	21,178	16,921	8,949	239,478
Per head of population	25 5 10	25 15 0	27 10 8	25 7 6	25 5 10	28 0 8	25 17 0

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June—				At 31st December, 1956.
		1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	175,194	138,430	126,545	122,346	116,283
	London £Stg.(a)	11,020	7,534	7,534	7,534	7,534
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	1,458,992	1,439,107	1,399,347	1,405,540
	London £Stg.	..	5,775	5,725	5,725	5,725
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	209,587	232,797	268,287	365,742
	London £Stg.	72,097	49,478	49,036	48,796	48,711
	New York £(b)	15,913	41,933	50,722	59,199	62,340
	Switzerland£(c)	..	6,126	12,251	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	3,082	3,082
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,807,009	1,798,449	1,789,980	1,887,565
	London £Stg.	83,117	62,787	62,295	62,055	61,970
	New York £(b)	15,913	41,933	50,722	59,199	62,340
	Switzerland£(c)	..	6,126	12,251	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	3,082	3,082
Total(d) ..	..	317,527	1,917,855	1,923,717	1,926,567	2,027,208
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	1,379,019	1,515,483	1,651,242	1,749,367
	London £Stg.	384,328	288,392	288,724	288,449	261,692
	New York £(b)	28,265	21,537	21,520	22,336	22,173
Total(d) ..	..	897,772	1,688,948	1,825,727	1,962,027	2,033,232
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	3,186,028	3,313,932	3,441,222	3,636,932
	London £Stg.	467,445	351,179	351,019	350,504	323,662
	New York £(b)	44,178	63,470	72,242	81,535	84,513
	Switzerland£(c)	..	6,126	12,251	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	3,082	3,082
Total(d) ..	..	1,215,299	3,606,803	3,749,444	3,888,594	4,060,440

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 10	354 10 8	360 3 8	365 0 4	383 13 6
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	39 1 7	38 3 0	37 3 7	34 2 11
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	7 1 3	7 17 0	8 13 0	8 18 4
	Switzerland£(c)	..	0 13 8	1 6 8	1 6 0	1 5 10
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	0 6 7	0 6 6
Total(d) ..	..	174 8 4	401 7 2	407 10 4	412 9 6	428 7 1

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.
(£'000.)

Grand Total,	Australia £A.	25,585	94,924	104,840	111,840	117,374
Commonwealth	London £Stg.(a)	18,366	11,353	11,363	11,387	10,696
and State ..	New York £(b)	2,219	2,599	2,937	3,420	3,507
	Switzerland£(c)	..	245	475	475	475
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	116	116
Total(e) ..	..	46,170	109,121	119,615	127,238	132,168

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT.
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth	Australia ..	3 12 9	2 19 7	3 3 3	3 5 0	3 4 7
and State ..	London(a) ..	3 18 7	3 4 8	3 4 9	3 5 0	3 6 1
	New York ..	5 0 6	4 1 11	4 1 4	4 3 11	4 3 0
	Switzerland ..	..	4 0 0	3 17 6	3 17 6	3 17 6
	Canada ..	..	..	..	3 15 0	3 15 0
Total ..	..	3 16 0	3 0 6	3 3 10	3 5 5	3 5 1

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of 9.79512 fr. to £1. (d) The total "face" or "book" values of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (see note (b)). (e) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—					At 31st December, 1956
		1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. ..	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000	165,000	270,000
	London £Stg. ..	970	720	470	220	..	..
State ..	Australia £A. ..	..	..	..	..	..	14,000
	London £Stg. ..	22,868	22,868	22,868	26,068	26,068	..
Total ..	Australia £A. ..	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000	165,000	284,000
	London £Stg. ..	23,838	23,588	23,338	26,288	26,068	..

(a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

Section VIII.—Social Statistics.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

(£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Six Months, ended December.	
					1955.	1956.
Social Benefits—						
Age and Invalid Pensions	15,992	81,293	88,006	101,625	48,517	54,534
Child Endowment .. ..	..	50,761	52,530	60,381	33,418	28,908
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service ..	..	429	451	505	244	268
Funeral Benefits .. ..	..	288	304	319	170	194
Maternity Allowances	436	3,226	3,362	3,410	1,689	1,708
Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits .. ..	..	4,543	2,640	2,563	1,124	1,694
Widows' Pensions .. ..	..	6,626	6,862	7,723	3,671	4,181
National Health Services—						
Hospital Benefits .. ..	..	8,330	9,321	9,553	4,518	4,931
Medical Benefits .. ..	..	1,434	4,210	5,413	2,560	2,984
Medical Benefits for Pensioners .. ..	..	2,115	2,516	2,874	1,491	1,535
Nutrition of Children .. ..	..	1,999	2,237	2,405	1,015	1,055
Pharmaceutical Benefits .. ..	..	8,219	9,445	10,380	4,765	4,317
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners ..	..	1,011	1,295	1,508	742	862
Miscellaneous .. ..	..	216	258	510	110	317
Mental Institution Benefits .. ..	..	495	225	..	..	..
Tuberculosis Campaign (a) .. ..	..	5,580	5,657	5,697	1,257	1,292
Total	16,428	176,565	189,319	214,866	105,291	108,780

(a) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States for maintenance of hospitals.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.		Pensions Paid during Year ended 30th June.(a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid. (b)	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per Head of Popn.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
1956.									
New South Wales ..	180,543	40,519	221,062	508	114	7 14 8	7 17 11	42,406	12 0 8
Victoria ..	112,649	18,113	130,762	432	70	7 12 8	7 14 3	24,836	9 13 8
Queensland ..	66,199	12,165	78,364	483	89	7 12 11	7 16 10	15,178	11 4 5
South Australia ..	41,783	4,860	46,643	492	57	7 13 0	7 17 8	8,859	10 12 4
Western Australia ..	30,244	4,425	34,669	446	65	7 13 1	7 16 8	6,681	9 19 9
Tasmania ..	14,074	2,596	16,670	440	81	7 13 2	7 17 6	3,450	10 16 2
Northern Territory ..	138	28	166	75	15	7 14 3	7 19 6	33	1 17 7
Australian Capital Territory ..	577	69	646	167	20	7 12 3	7 17 10	110	3 5 2
Abroad ..	(c)	(c)	(c)	..	..	..	..	72	..
Australia ..	446,207	82,775	528,982	473	89	7 13 7	7 16 10	101,625	10 18 2
1955 ..	425,556	78,498	504,054	463	85	6 14 7	7 6 17 7	88,006	9 13 8
1954 ..	397,784	73,732	471,516	443	82	6 14 2	6 16 10	81,293	9 2 8
1953 ..	374,791	70,232	445,023	425	80	6 8 4	6 10 11	72,424	8 5 10
1952 ..	352,049	67,963	420,012	408	79	5 14 2	5 16 4	59,788	7 0 2
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	(d)	(d)	15,992	2 6 2

(a) Includes amounts paid to benevolent homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and from year 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners.
 (b) Excludes the following numbers of age and invalid pensioners in benevolent homes: 1951-52, 5,625; 1952-53, 6,309; 1953-54, 6,463; 1954-55, 6,132; 1955-56, 6,244.
 (c) Included in figures for State in which pensioner is permanently domiciled. (d) Combined rate 38s. 5d.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay age pensions on 1st July, 1909, and invalid pensions on 15th December, 1910. Age pensions are payable to women of 60 years and over, and to men of 65 years and over, who are natural-born or naturalized British subjects with residence for at least 20 years in Australia or an Australian territory. Invalid pensions are payable after five years' residence in Australia to natural-born or naturalized persons of sixteen years or over who are permanently incapacitated for work or are permanently blind and have become so in Australia. Fortnightly rate £8 from 27th October, 1955. Age and invalid pensions (except those paid to blind persons) are subject to income and property qualifications.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children. (a)	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	No.	No.			£'000.	£ s. d.
1956.						
New South Wales ..	506,512	1,049,901	1,425	2,955	21,971	6 4 8
Victoria ..	361,848	760,667	1,389	2,920	16,165	6 6 1
Queensland ..	194,028	437,588	1,416	3,192	9,383	6 18 9
South Australia ..	122,425	261,074	1,443	3,077	5,498	6 11 9
Western Australia ..	100,047	220,792	1,477	3,259	4,684	7 0 0
Tasmania ..	47,552	108,285	1,488	3,388	2,285	7 3 2
Northern Territory	2,419	5,311	1,322	2,903	150	8 11 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	4,847	10,643	1,406	3,087	239	7 2 1
Abroad ..	129	263	..	..	6	..
Australia ..	1,339,807	2,854,524	1,422	3,028	60,381	6 9 8
1955 ..	1,304,227	2,764,167	1,418	3,004	52,530	5 15 7
1954 ..	1,280,439	2,689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5 14 1
1953 ..	1,246,986	2,599,026	1,415	2,948	53,244	6 1 11
1952 ..	1,205,421	2,493,246	1,396	2,887	46,625	5 9 4

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions at 30th June, 1956, 21,140 in 392 institutions; 1955, 24,394 in 392 institutions; 1954, 27,397 in 387 institutions; 1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions; 1952, 24,623 in 379 institutions.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

From 20th June, 1950, the rate of endowment payable has been (i) where the endowee has the custody of one child only—5s. per week; (ii) where the endowee has the custody of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child 5s. per week and in respect of each other child 10s. per week; and (iii) for each child in an approved institution 10s. per week.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.(a)

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June.(a)		Class A Pensioners.	Average Fortnightly Rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
					£'000.	£ s. d.
1956.						
New South Wales ..	17,357	49	8,260	7 9 4	3,160	17 11
Victoria ..	10,246	39	4,302	7 6 0	1,799	14 0
Queensland ..	7,293	53	3,493	7 7 9	1,328	19 8
South Australia ..	3,505	41	1,548	7 5 9	609	14 7
Western Australia ..	3,015	45	1,143	7 2 8	531	15 10
Tasmania ..	1,419	44	718	7 9 4	268	16 10
Northern Territory	25	14	10	6 16 11	3	3 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	70	20	37	(b)	12	7 2
Abroad ..	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	13	(c)
Australia ..	42,930	46	19,511	7 7 6	7,723	16 7
1955 ..	41,547	45	18,683	6 8 2	6,862	15 1
1954 ..	40,726	45	18,100	6 6 8	6,626	14 11
1953 ..	41,028	47	17,980	6 0 0	6,334	14 6
1952 ..	40,758	47	17,424	5 8 2	5,615	13 2

(a) Excludes seventeen (1955-56), fourteen (1954-55), sixteen (1953-54), sixteen (1952-53) and eleven (1951-52), pensions in respect of pensioners in benevolent homes. (b) Included in New South Wales.

(c) Included in figures for State in which pensioner is permanently domiciled.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 30th June, 1942. Provision is made for payment of pensions subject to income and property qualifications, to the following classes of women:—"A" Class—a widow who has one or more children under 16 years of age—£4 5s. per week; "B" Class—a widow not less than 50 years of age and without children under 16 years of age £3 7s. 6d. per week; "C" Class—a widow without children and in necessitous circumstances—£3 7s. 6d. per week for 26 weeks after husband's death, or until the birth of her child if she is pregnant; and "D" Class—a woman whose husband has been in prison for over six months, and who is maintaining children under 16 years or who is not less than 50 years of age—£3 7s. 6d. per week. Rates are as from 18th October, 1955.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Overseas.	Australia.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.										
1938-39..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,204	5,213	3,940	..	..	..	80,916
1951-52..	72,688	52,144	30,737	17,380	15,074	7,626	..	..	73	195,722
1952-53..	74,011	55,297	31,058	19,068	15,535	7,983	..	..	90	203,042
1953-54..	72,380	54,219	30,889	18,749	15,803	7,726	..	..	48	199,814
1954-55..	76,614	55,720	31,782	18,506	16,261	7,940	481	787	88	208,179
1955-56..	75,591	58,385	32,764	19,036	17,180	8,328	510	961	110	212,865
AMOUNT PAID. (£.)										
1938-39..	167,710	110,219	70,723	37,860	28,338	21,764	..	..	..	436,614
1951-52..	1,182,358	835,643	489,751	283,702	241,426	122,618	..	..	1,494	3,156,992
1952-53..	1,195,046	872,085	496,982	305,264	248,925	128,125	..	..	1,878	3,248,305
1953-54..	1,173,058	874,376	496,802	301,146	253,442	125,400	..	..	1,695	3,225,919
1954-55..	1,250,268	892,301	512,445	297,284	261,129	127,502	7,435	12,551	1,392	3,362,307
1955-56..	1,207,471	935,155	525,779	304,392	276,123	136,512	8,129	15,125	1,722	3,410,408

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(b) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable have been as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of weekly average number of persons on benefit see page 96.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.									
1950-51 ..	25,324	7,731	22,485	350	5,360	1,194	..	..	62,444
1951-52 ..	55,135	11,215	114,226	1,025	4,374	1,036	..	..	187,011
1952-53 ..	2,686,297	923,732	662,099	132,042	123,732	41,845	..	..	4,569,747
1953-54 ..	1,247,216	507,676	581,865	50,213	75,904	42,589	..	..	2,505,468
1954-55 ..	253,974	99,305	270,416	12,386	26,709	15,952	112	584	679,438
1955-56 ..	215,672	69,664	287,871	10,961	76,888	9,963	73	728	(d) 671,820
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955	38,750	13,391	28,475	2,124	11,134	2,935	11	90	96,910
December, ..	24,653	12,425	16,832	1,609	10,887	2,876	11	30	69,323
March, 1956	58,200	15,100	126,187	2,593	19,248	2,414	10	221	223,973
June, ..	93,709	28,748	116,377	4,635	35,618	1,739	41	747	231,614
September, ..	123,803	104,620	29,717	22,922	94,872	4,416	18	624	380,992
SICKNESS BENEFIT.									
1950-51 ..	296,418	197,719	96,540	70,770	53,911	30,358	..	..	745,716
1951-52 ..	262,244	181,117	123,075	70,482	48,691	24,278	..	..	709,887
1952-53 ..	546,432	370,354	208,889	133,783	84,682	49,154	..	..	1,893,294
1953-54 ..	697,949	405,414	257,633	153,042	106,836	54,719	..	..	1,675,593
1954-55 ..	673,235	387,452	254,982	137,117	98,868	51,716	1,559	2,913	1,607,842
1955-56 ..	641,550	350,172	243,952	134,243	93,854	50,901	1,487	2,914	(d) 1,519,073
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955	189,015	95,796	48,749	36,373	23,757	14,110	414	830	409,044
December, ..	146,671	88,329	62,394	29,459	22,146	12,963	379	658	362,999
March, 1956	145,767	77,899	89,263	31,236	24,227	12,550	303	1,764	383,009
June, ..	158,137	88,148	43,546	37,175	23,724	11,278	391	1,622	364,021
September, ..	170,099	88,369	55,886	35,765	25,626	13,003	442	768	389,958

(a) In addition £229,053 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1950-51; £110,759 during 1951-52; £292,431 during 1952-53; £362,398 during 1953-54; £352,587 during 1954-55; and £372,220 during 1955-56; these amounts include payments to migrants. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954. (d) Does not include special variations of advances for payments in regional areas, made at the end of the year.

(e) Includes £27,950 increase in advances to regional offices.

NOTE.—The Social Services Act 1947-1956 provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is £2 10s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 for dependent spouse and 5s. for the first dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is £1 10s. if under 18 years and £2 if 18 and under 21 years. In certain cases £2 per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 22nd September, 1952. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from a friendly society. The permissible weekly income varies from 5s. for persons 16 years of age to £1 for adults and married persons. There is a waiting period of 7 days during which no payment is made.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions Current at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.			Expenditure during Year ended 30th June.
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.
1956.								
New South Wales (a)	68,403	116,313	16,995	201,711	4 17 6	1 15 1	2 16 3	14,501
Victoria ..	57,452	97,402	13,974	168,828	5 1 6	1 16 1	2 18 4	12,718
Queensland ..	25,812	48,633	5,229	79,674	5 7 9	1 10 11	2 15 10	5,763
South Australia (b)	19,639	39,633	4,022	63,294	5 8 8	1 9 8	2 11 4	4,136
Western Australia	17,986	32,630	3,811	54,427	4 8 6	1 10 0	2 9 4	3,451
Tasmania ..	8,219	16,614	1,650	26,483	5 17 6	1 12 2	2 18 8	2,018
United Kingdom ..	1,393	1,672	1,168	4,233	5 11 0	3 16 2	4 7 9	505
Elsewhere ..	386	419	159	964	4 16 8	2 18 6	3 13 10	74
Total ..	199,290	353,316	47,008	599,614	5 0 3	1 13 11	2 16 0	43,166
1955 ..	196,255	340,361	46,921	583,537	4 13 2	1 12 8	2 13 0	(c) 44,516
1954 ..	192,203	324,514	46,949	563,666	4 6 9	1 11 5	2 10 4	36,797
1953 ..	188,395	308,757	46,822	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 5	34,356
1952 ..	184,848	292,952	47,015	524,815	3 13 4	1 8 9	2 4 6	31,845
1939 ..	77,151	144,571	27,571	249,293	1 19 10	0 16 6	1 3 8	7,819

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. Service Pensions.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Includes

(ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Service Pensions Current at 30th June.						Average Fort- nightly Rate of Pensions.	Expendi- ture during Year ended 30th June.
	Age.	Permanently Unemployable.		Sufferers from Pulmonary Tub- erculosis.		Total.		
		Members of Forces.	Depend- ants.	Members of Forces.	Depend- ants.			
							£ s. d.	£'000.
1956.								
New South Wales(a)	4,644	2,005	3,188	528	773	12,138	5 5 4	1,473
Victoria...	2,416	2,574	2,483	289	426	8,188	5 0 11	959
Queensland ..	2,009	1,630	1,680	207	314	5,840	5 4 8	679
South Australia(b)	970	975	1,030	91	175	3,241	5 2 10	401
Western Australia	1,522	986	918	101	121	3,648	5 13 5	482
Tasmania ..	320	563	702	50	85	1,720	4 6 5	146
Australia ..	11,881	9,733	10,001	1,266	1,894	34,775	5 3 10	4,140
1955 ..	10,566	5,555	5,286	379	530	22,316	5 7 9	(c) 2,695
1954 ..	9,648	5,294	5,092	321	451	20,806	5 4 2	2,295
1953 ..	8,703	4,971	4,780	291	432	19,177	4 16 6	2,225
1952 ..	7,587	4,561	4,270	269	389	17,076	4 6 9	1,778
1939 ..	3,397	3,393	4,667	619	1,032	13,108	1 5 10	407

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. with War Pensions.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Included

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.
GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.				
1954.				
New South Wales(a)	2,557	15,521	467,441	415,860
Victoria	2,003	10,924	299,670	272,548
Queensland	1,555	6,407	(b) 184,210	161,835
South Australia	679	4,373	115,579	107,875
Western Australia	483	3,051	88,748	82,677
Tasmania	321	2,048	51,825	47,169
Northern Territory(c)	9	68	1,676	1,520
Australia	7,607	42,392	1,209,149	1,089,484
1953	7,595	40,237	1,149,915	1,037,621
1952	7,620	38,407	1,088,087	974,934
1951	7,648	36,740	1,012,874	899,514
1950	7,790	36,085	958,112	844,123
1939	9,940	31,199	859,663	744,095

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.(d)

1954.

New South Wales(a)	768	6,216	151,882	137,473
Victoria	494	3,584	118,102	(e) 107,000
Queensland	284	2,052	54,792	49,788
South Australia	157	1,137	24,949	22,782
Western Australia	252	1,001	28,021	26,299
Tasmania	57	425	10,116	9,005
Northern Territory(c)	2	13	450	389
Australia	2,014	14,428	388,312	352,736
1953	1,958	13,898	366,086	337,156
1952	1,926	13,714	347,831	315,796
1951	1,890	13,251	326,258	293,429
1950	1,870	12,909	309,673	275,562
1939	1,863	11,496	250,860	219,171

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Enrolments at 1st August, 1954. (c) Year ended 30th June, 1955. (d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control. (e) Estimated.

UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled.	Degrees Conferred.	Total Income.	Total Expenditure.
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
	No.	No.				
1955.						
Sydney	458	397	7,328	1,210	2,669,597	2,304,573
Melbourne	394	187	7,080	1,055	2,744,777	2,387,449
Queensland (Brisbane) ..	252	205	4,527	395	1,081,626	1,085,749
Adelaide	192	151	4,165	320	1,102,924	1,026,933
Western Australia (Perth)	116	59	1,942	233	1,006,584	715,211
Tasmania (Hobart) ..	78	13	783	71	321,198	325,170
N.S.W. University of Technology (Sydney) ..	326	405	4,092	125	2,132,623	2,106,654
New England (Armidale N.S.W.)	70	20	575	20	432,390	415,413
Canberra University College	32	22	300	(b)	114,174	104,814
Australia	1,918	1,459	30,792	3,429	11,605,893	10,471,966
1954	1,840	1,473	29,374	3,499	9,433,337	8,258,072
1953	1,750	1,341	28,792	3,926	7,195,832	7,067,716
1952	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	7,101,330	6,865,346
1951	1,549	1,533	31,671	4,498	5,720,060	5,352,421
1939	609	675	14,236	1,802	989,791	974,394

(a) Since 1952 the finances relate to income and expenditure (including capital items). Prior to 1952 the figures were as presented by each university on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis (excluding capital items) and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account, or for ascertaining the surplus or deficit for the year. In several cases Government subsidies relating to expenditure made in earlier years have been included in revenue.

(b) Included with Melbourne.

NOTE.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a Post-Graduate Research University), had in 1955 a full-time teaching staff of 102, with 59 Post-graduate scholars. In 1955 the income was £1,779,623 and the expenditure was £1,770,508.

POLICE AND PRISONS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners at end of Period.
1954.			
New South Wales	4,610	(a) 16	(a) 2,238
Victoria	3,021	11	1,186
Queensland(a)	2,355	7	580
South Australia	(a) 1,086	16	377
Western Australia(a) ..	964	19	386
Tasmania(a)	471	2	163
Northern Territory(a) ..	62	2	50
Australian Capital Territory	60	..	..
Australia	12,629	73	4,980
1953	12,705	72	4,906
1952	12,675	70	4,930
1951	12,318	69	4,444
1950	11,677	71	4,089
1939	9,566	74	3,336

(a) Year ended 30th June, 1955.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hos- pitals.	Beds. (a)	Staff.		In- patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c)	Expendi- ture. (c)
			Medi- cal.	Nurs- ing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1954-55.							
New South Wales	262	19,764	3,980	10,450	406,901	20,079	20,316
Victoria(d)	117	11,810	1,893	7,108	259,834	21,139	21,044
Queensland	140	10,657	754	4,469	192,511	10,909	10,673
South Australia	63	3,586	527	1,960	64,310	4,409	4,424
Western Australia	96	4,258	352	2,257	78,134	4,724	4,644
Tasmania	26	2,289	188	1,118	33,550	1,965	2,374
Nor. Territory	4	365	13	99	6,365	429	429
Aust. Cap. Terr.	1	250	31	105	4,566	289	289
Australia	709	52,979	7,738	27,566	1,046,171	63,943	64,193
1953-54	699	50,812	7,487	26,116	961,288	54,814	53,884
1952-53	694	50,076	7,246	25,940	939,856	51,141	50,541
1951-52	675	47,328	6,889	24,556	896,020	41,217	43,328
1950-51	664	46,417	6,424	23,055	867,721	32,406	32,582
1938-39	563	35,711	4,059	13,582	552,051	6,342	6,351

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1954-55 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,090,879; Victoria 598,647; Queensland, 561,088; South Australia, 110,879; Western Australia, 117,000 (estimated); Tasmania, 109,279; Northern Territory, 57,473; and Australian Capital Territory, 5,383; Australia, 2,650,628. (c) Excludes Loan Receipts and Expenditure for New South Wales. (d) Fifteen months ended 30th June, 1955.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hos- pitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue. (a)	Expendi- ture.
			Medi- cal.	Nurs- ing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1954-55.							
New South Wales..	13	12,589	(b) 36	2,006	13,422	404	4,224
Victoria(c)	10	7,219	63	1,810	7,795	(d) 71	(d) 5,014
Queensland(e)	5	4,753	13	950	4,704	17	1,758
South Australia	2	2,615	13	412	2,613	94	998
Western Australia(c)	4	1,670	6	301	1,798	(d) 49	(d) 704
Tasmania	1	810	4	177	760	19	491
Australia	35	29,656	135	5,656	31,092	654	13,189
1953-54	34	29,089	140	5,415	30,862	888	11,681
1952-53	33	28,546	149	5,132	30,190	866	10,714
1951-52	33	27,573	167	4,985	29,563	861	8,749
1950-51	33	27,512	138	4,826	28,932	812	6,450
1938-39	35	25,654	92	4,922	26,509	263	1,904

(a) Excluding grants from State governments. (b) In addition there were 59 visiting paid specialists. (c) Year 1954. (d) Year 1954-55. (e) Includes the Epileptic Home.

Section IX.—Transport and Communication.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of shipping for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 44-54.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES, AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Entrances.				Clearances.			
	With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1950-51 ..	1,769	8,200	1,911	8,601	1,430	6,169	1,992	8,707
1951-52 ..	1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252
1952-53 ..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,053	8,867
1953-54 ..	1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,179	2,074	8,854
1954-55 ..	1,943	9,162	2,245	9,939	1,491	6,157	2,260	10,064
1955-56 ..	2,054	10,095	2,425	11,228	1,697	6,886	2,457	11,096
Six months ended—								
December, 1955	1,032	4,947	1,200	5,392	797	3,241	1,200	5,386
December, 1956	1,044	4,979	1,339	5,886	1,037	4,071	1,367	6,022

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped.
(’000.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1955.								
New South Wales ..	2,501	174	1,518	735	1,860	163	595	238
Victoria ..	1,389	197	2,331	730	645	227	609	271
Queensland ..	247	167	450	129	312	64	722	73
South Australia ..	1,008	84	334	206	1,904	91	644	86
Western Australia ..	178	122	1,322	74	856	56	331	53
Tasmania ..	357	185	106	16	251	173	36	7
Northern Territory ..	17	1	23	1	2	..	..	..
Australia ..	5,697	930	6,084	1,891	5,830	774	2,937	728

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.

New South Wales ..	2,646	109	1,730	648	1,928	123	851	209
Victoria ..	1,377	154	2,307	510	582	180	725	237
Queensland ..	437	109	294	99	398	47	869	67
South Australia ..	1,212	84	341	160	2,337	45	799	46
Western Australia ..	196	89	1,381	60	686	45	1,165	49
Tasmania ..	300	144	145	10	214	180	50	12
Northern Territory ..	10	..	15	..	4	..	3	..
Australia ..	6,178	689	6,213	1,487	6,149	620	4,462	620
Total 1955-56 ..	11,184	1,589	12,431	3,421	11,632	1,332	6,667	1,546
“ 1954-55 ..	10,136	1,621	10,992	3,403	10,213	1,472	6,083	1,420
“ 1953-54 ..	9,059	1,790	8,520	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355
“ 1952-53 ..	8,995	1,492	7,733	1,929	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,452
“ 1951-52 ..	7,972	1,638	9,727	4,682	7,697	1,325	4,487	1,231
“ 1950-51 ..	6,980	1,612	9,084	3,989	6,723	1,326	5,405	1,295

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)—					
United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	8s. 11½d. per box (56 lb.).
Continent	..	..	..	..	9s. 5d. " " "
Cheese (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	..	17½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	..	..	..	..	266s. per ton measurement.
Meats—					
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—					
Beef	..	..	..	..	27½d. per lb.
Lamb	..	..	..	..	31½d. " " "
Mutton	..	..	..	..	21½d. " " "
Rabbits and Hares	..	..	..	..	208s. " " "
Preserved in tins	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "
Sausage Casings—(dried)—cases or casks	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed)	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Refined)	..	..	..	..	286s. per ton weight.
Jams	..	..	..	..	141s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "
Dried Fruits	..	..	..	..	141s. 6d. " " "
Fruits, Fresh (Refrigerator)—					
Apples	..	..	..	..	11s. per bushel case.
Citrus	..	..	..	..	11s. " " "
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—					
Wheat—					
Charter	..	..	..	..	200s. per ton weight.
Parcels	..	..	..	..	200s. " " "
Barley	..	..	..	..	215s. " " "
Oats	..	..	..	..	237s. 6d. " " "
Maize	..	..	..	..	220s. " " "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—					
Flour, Wheaten	..	..	..	..	215s. " " "
Bran	235s. " " "
Pollard	227s. 6d. " " "
Rice (clean, husked)	220s. " " "

WINE	179s. per ton measurement.
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ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—					
Calf	..	..	..	..	17½d. per lb. (dry in bales)
Sheep	..	..	..	..	24d. " " "
Rabbit	..	..	..	..	41½d. " " "
Other	..	..	..	..	41½d. " " "
Pearl-shell	..	..	..	..	179s. per ton measurement.
Wool—					
Greasy	..	..	..	..	2.97d. per lb. less 7%.
Scoured and Washed	..	..	..	..	3.74d. " " "
Tops	..	..	..	..	3.56d. per lb. (net).

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	..	..	..	..	179s. per ton weight.
Bark, Tanning	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "
Copra	..	..	..	..	292s. " " "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	..	..	..	..	2½d. per lb.

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire (Effects)	..	..	..	..	280s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	..	..	..	..	315s. per ton weight.

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oil—					
Coconut	..	..	..	..	202s. per ton measurement.
Eucalyptus	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "
Fusel	..	..	..	..	286s. " " "
Whale	..	..	..	..	209s. 6d. " " "
Other	179s. " " "
Tallow, Unrefined	202s. " " "

PAINTS AND VARNISHES	179s. per ton measurement.
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**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 31st December, 1956—continued.**

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore in Casks, Bags or Drums	118s. 6d. per ton weight
Zinc—	
Ingots	125s. " " "
Dust (in cases)	422s. " " "
Sheet (in cases)	185s. " " "
Copper (ingots)	173s. 6d. " " "
Lead	135s. " " "
Steel—	
Billets (up to 30 feet)	110s. " " "
Tyres	159s. " " "
Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed	90s. " " "

RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—

Rubber	162s. per ton measurement.
Leather	393s. per ton weight.

WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber—	
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	74s. 5d. per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	79s. 11d. " " "
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	85s. 10d. " " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	43s. 10d. " " "

EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS 179s. per ton measurement.

STATIONERY 179s. " " "

DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers	179s. " " weight
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MISCELLANEOUS—

Soap	179s. " " measurement.
Casein	283s. 6d. " " weight

SPECIE 15s. per cent.

**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES.
GENERAL CARGO, 31st DECEMBER, 1956.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Brisbane .. .. .	.. .. .	148 0	..	177 6	..
Sydney	148 0	..	..	146 0	..
Melbourne	177 6	146 0	..	..	..
Adelaide	180 0	162 6	..	127 0	..
Fremantle	(a) 196 6	189 0	..	176 6	..
Hobart	(b) 163 6	144 6	..	131 0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	(b) 167 0	144 6	..	112 0	..
Darwin	259 6	278 6	..	296 0	..
Auckland(c)	157 0	150 0	(d) 241 3	150 0	279 6
Wellington(c)	(d) 157 0	(d) 150 0	..	(d) 150 0	(d) 279 6
Lyttleton(c)	157 0	150 0	(d) 241 3	150 0	279 6
Dunedin(c)	157 0	150 0	(d) 241 3	150 0	279 6
New Hebrides—Vila .. .. .	..	200 0	..	..	285 0
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	240 0	..	..	265 0
Papua—					
Port Moresby	220 0	220 0	..	220 0	220 0
Samara	220 0	220 0	..	220 0	220 0
Territory o. New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang	250 0	250 0	..	250 0	250 0
Rabaul	230 0	230 0	..	230 0	230 0

(a) Plus 18s. per ton if trans-shipped. (b) Trans-shipped at Sydney.
in sterling. (d) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

(c) Rates expressed

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 7-23.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

System.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.						
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,101	6,102	6,103
Victoria ..	4,686	4,694	4,660	4,482	4,451	4,445
Queensland(a) ..	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,553	6,456
South Australia ..	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,564	2,564	2,564
Western Australia ..	4,228	4,113	4,108	4,111	4,111	4,119
Tasmania ..	605	605	605	605	605	585
Australia ..	26,946	26,839	26,800	26,624	26,587	26,473

REVENUE TRAIN-MILES.
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	1,841	1,889	1,738	1,953	2,029	2,336
New South Wales ..	(b) 38,112	(b) 40,012	36,289	37,506	37,294	38,478
Victoria ..	14,575	16,973	17,690	18,303	18,740	18,635
Queensland(a) ..	(c) 18,562	(c) 18,652	18,563	19,241	19,637	19,289
South Australia ..	6,379	6,943	7,199	7,359	7,216	7,113
Western Australia ..	7,136	6,802	5,255	7,204	7,769	8,278
Tasmania ..	2,071	2,092	1,990	1,898	2,066	2,105
Australia ..	88,676	93,363	88,724	93,464	94,751	96,234

PASSENGER-JOURNEYS.(d)
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	186	191	190	224	215	230
New South Wales ..	268,567	268,168	271,699	278,904	281,417	280,470
Victoria ..	141,313	165,131	162,857	166,106	169,204	166,708
Queensland(a) ..	34,118	35,003	35,819	35,879	35,919	35,647
South Australia ..	17,177	18,269	17,565	17,605	16,849	16,434
Western Australia ..	11,543	10,536	6,339	8,678	10,139	12,271
Tasmania ..	3,182	3,186	3,151	3,285	3,114	2,977
Australia ..	476,086	500,484	497,620	510,681	516,857	514,737

GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED.
(‘000 tons.)

Commonwealth ..	591	694	660	762	816	918
New South Wales (e) ..	18,324	19,817	19,121	20,140	19,386	18,787
Victoria ..	7,539	9,204	9,192	9,200	10,082	9,607
Queensland(a) ..	7,096	6,741	7,351	8,081	8,492	8,180
South Australia ..	3,497	3,941	4,147	4,433	4,474	4,414
Western Australia ..	3,033	3,063	2,619	3,206	3,407	3,793
Tasmania ..	861	889	897	968	1,041	1,075
Australia ..	40,941	44,349	43,987	46,790	47,698	46,774

(a) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Estimated. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Based on ticket sales, allowances being made for periodical tickets. Except in Tasmania, concession tickets are counted as full journeys. (e) Includes an estimate for livestock.

Government Railways—continued.

System.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
GROSS REVENUE.(a) (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	2,153	2,925	2,710	3,402	3,741	4,741
New South Wales ..	49,448	68,910	72,676	74,569	73,361	75,386
Victoria ..	18,651	24,186	31,864	35,707	37,667	37,032
Queensland(b) ..	19,772	23,358	25,985	30,223	31,625	31,312
South Australia ..	7,315	9,457	11,891	12,718	12,939	13,098
Western Australia ..	6,968	8,885	7,667	11,111	12,315	13,080
Tasmania ..	1,337	1,797	2,039	2,133	2,322	2,535
Australia ..	105,644	139,518	154,832	169,863	173,970	177,184

WORKING EXPENSES. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	2,434	2,808	2,728	2,897	2,921	3,176
New South Wales ..	49,168	64,020	66,452	68,197	68,397	74,904
Victoria ..	20,811	29,612	34,008	35,951	37,032	38,026
Queensland(b) ..	19,427	24,646	27,979	29,103	30,946	33,873
South Australia ..	9,992	13,505	15,013	14,934	15,414	15,761
Western Australia ..	8,932	11,016	12,510	14,298	14,690	15,920
Tasmania ..	2,009	2,567	2,864	2,804	3,077	3,262
Australia ..	112,773	148,174	161,554	168,184	172,477	184,922

NET REVENUE. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	— 281	117	— 18	505	820	1,565
New South Wales ..	280	4,890	6,224	6,372	4,964	482
Victoria ..	— 2,160	— 5,426	— 2,144	— 244	635	— 994
Queensland(b) ..	345	— 1,288	— 1,994	1,120	679	— 2,561
South Australia ..	— 2,677	— 4,048	— 3,122	— 2,216	— 2,475	— 2,663
Western Australia ..	— 1,964	— 2,131	— 4,843	— 3,187	— 2,375	— 2,840
Tasmania ..	— 672	— 770	— 825	— 671	— 755	— 727
Australia ..	— 7,129	— 8,656	— 6,722	1,679	1,493	— 7,738

RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE.
(PER CENT.)

Commonwealth ..	113.04	95.99	100.66	85.14	78.09	66.99
New South Wales ..	99.43	92.90	91.44	91.45	93.23	99.36
Victoria ..	111.58	122.43	106.73	100.68	98.31	102.68
Queensland(b) ..	98.26	105.51	103.67	96.30	97.85	108.18
South Australia ..	136.60	142.81	126.26	117.42	119.12	120.33
Western Australia ..	128.17	123.98	163.18	128.68	119.29	121.71
Tasmania ..	150.35	142.81	140.44	131.48	132.50	128.69
Australia ..	106.74	106.20	104.34	99.01	99.14	104.36

(a) Excludes Government Grants.
Uniform Gauge line (69 route-miles).

(b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

Government Railways—continued.

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1955.								
Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,102	4,451	6,484	2,564	4,111	605	26,518
Train-miles '000	559	9,878	4,637	5,249	1,775	2,057	541	24,696
Revenue (c) £'000	221	5,218	2,680	1,384	443	353	48	10,347
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)								
Goods, including Live-stock and Minerals	820	13,800	5,622	7,367	2,574	2,600	569	33,352
Miscellaneous ..	63	180	556	(d)	212	205	13	1,229
Total Revenue (c) ..	1,104	19,198	8,858	8,751	3,229	3,158	630	44,928
Working Expenses £'000	767	17,851	9,658	8,055	(e) 3,853	3,670	757	44,611
Net Revenue .. £'000	337	1,347	-800	696	-624	-512	-127	317
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	69.50	92.98	109.03	92.04	119.31	116.20	120.19	99.29
Revenue per Train-mile	39s. 5d.	38s. 10d.	38s. 2d.	33s. 4d.	36s. 5d.	29s. 8d.	23s. 3d.	36s. 5d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	27s. 5d.	36s. 2d.	41s. 8d.	30s. 8d.	43s. 5d.	34s. 8d.	28s. 0d.	36s. 2d.
Passenger-journeys '000	55	69,999	43,610	9,728	4,034	3,033	744	131,253
Freight Carried, tons—								
Livestock ..	40	(f) 185	103	253	48	37	5	671
Coal and Coke ..	203		739	489	79	150		
Other Minerals ..	7	4,973	1,556	195	255	66	76	12,043
Other Goods ..	69			1,704	664	620	193	
Total Freight ..	319	5,158	2,398	2,641	1,046	873	279	12,714

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1956.

Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,103	4,445	6,387	2,564	4,119	585	26,404
Train-miles '000	593	9,675	4,542	5,297	1,779	2,305	501	24,692
Revenue (c) £'000	255	6,391	3,065	1,475	451	380	51	12,068
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)								
Goods, including Live-stock and Minerals	1,010	13,699	5,364	7,976	2,695	3,217	562	34,523
Miscellaneous ..	84	170	596	(d)	226	212	15	1,303
Total Revenue (c) ..	1,349	20,260	9,025	9,451	3,372	3,809	623	47,894
Working Expenses £'000	841	19,317	9,743	9,284	(e) 3,931	3,873	823	47,812
Net Revenue .. £'000	508	943	-718	167	-559	-64	-195	82
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	62.36	96.34	107.95	98.23	116.56	101.68	131.02	99.83
Revenue per Train-mile	45s. 6d.	41s. 11d.	39s. 9d.	35s. 8d.	37s. 11d.	33s. 1d.	25s. 1d.	38s. 10d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	28s. 5d.	39s. 11d.	42s. 11d.	35s. 1d.	44s. 2d.	33s. 7d.	32s. 11d.	38s. 9d.
Passenger-journeys '000	52	65,506	42,213	9,606	4,180	3,355	723	125,635
Freight Carried, tons—								
Livestock ..	36	(f) 162	99	231	58	40	5	631
Coal and Coke ..	138		671	446	56	133		
Other Minerals ..	11	4,831	1,561	215	325	53	74	11,984
Other Goods ..	89			1,607	633	948	193	
Total Freight ..	274	4,993	2,331	2,499	1,072	1,174	272	12,615

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Financial details include road motors. (c) Excludes Government grants. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Includes depreciation. (f) Estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin*, No. 46, pages 24-30.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

(Including details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue. (a)	Working Expenses. (b)	Net Revenue.
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1955-56.						
New South Wales ..	113	12,002	174,954	4,231	6,136	— 1,905
Victoria ..	173	24,082	222,524	6,324	6,715	— 391
Queensland ..	67	9,334	95,843	2,431	2,389	42
South Australia ..	83	7,225	48,152	1,797	2,012	— 215
Western Australia ..	34	2,039	15,862	436	554	— 118
Tasmania (c) ..	58	3,326	24,833	659	752	— 93
Total 1955-56 ..	528	58,008	582,168	15,878	18,558	— 2,680
Total—1954-55 (c) ..	525	60,275	609,254	15,267	17,797	— 2,530
1953-54 (c) ..	535	63,762	629,557	15,780	18,181	— 2,401
1952-53 (c) ..	544	65,895	647,417	15,968	18,420	— 2,452
1951-52 (c) ..	560	67,923	685,724	15,121	17,109	— 1,988
1950-51 (d) ..	567	72,093	749,138	13,765	13,941	— 175

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Municipal Council Omnibus Services. (d) Includes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

(Excluding details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State or Territory and Year.	Route-mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus-mileage.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue.(a)	Working Expenses.(b)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1955-56.					
New South Wales ..	490	33,987	220,543	5,731	8,457
Victoria ..	63	5,859	37,509	1,135	1,283
Queensland ..	444	6,201	40,526	938	1,104
South Australia ..	54	3,517	15,363	537	752
Western Australia ..	2,886	7,204	25,825	945	1,013
Tasmania (c) ..	561	992	1,186	177	166
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	46	922	(d) 3,925	129	195
Total 1955-56 ..	4,544	58,682	344,877	9,529	12,970
Total 1954-55(c) ..	4,476	58,117	356,774	9,613	12,063
1953-54(c) ..	4,591	57,318	347,525	8,853	11,387
1952-53(c) ..	4,533	55,672	340,262	9,320	11,465
1951-52(c) ..	4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298
1950-51(e) ..	3,973	53,548	340,314	7,572	8,234

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services, details of which are included with Electric Tramways. (d) Estimated. (e) Excludes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE:—Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations etc. appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

Excludes Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of Navy vehicles were included

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June. (Number.)				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', etc., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
1955-56.									
New South Wales	483,397	242,514	37,039	762,950	1,048,901	9,210,350	823,908	1,072,430	11,106,688
Victoria(b) ..	498,644	151,597	27,675	677,916	801,852	5,603,742	400,984	1,048,048	7,052,774
Queensland ..	179,190	127,393	20,394	326,977	(c)	4,363,428	135,674	888,762	5,387,864
South Australia	154,358	63,630	20,713	238,701	292,793	3,122,941	397,510	22,172	3,542,623
Western Australia	98,875	65,626	13,873	178,374	202,495	1,295,848	118,740	144,693	1,559,231
Tasmania ..	48,973	22,975	4,800	76,748	89,659	734,559	44,978	147,860	927,397
Northern Territory ..	1,911	3,077	566	5,554	7,541	34,917	5,321	668	40,906
Australian Capital Territory ..	6,978	2,580	515	10,073	14,005	71,976	7,250	908	80,134
Total 1955-56	1472326	679,392	125,575	2,277,293	2,245,724	24,437,761	1,934,365	3,325,541	29,697,667
1954-55	1347082	649,609	133,029	2,129,720	2,229,585	22,951,527	1,813,810	3,759,580	28,524,917
1953-54	1199833	606,899	140,614	1,947,346	2,214,811	20,450,179	1,634,955	4,326,359	26,411,493
1952-53(e)	1107659	579,444	147,639	1,834,742	2,238,370	18,779,761	1,403,019	3,708,435	23,891,215
1951-52(e)	1030992	580,502	153,933	1,765,427	2,194,167	15,995,554	1,336,530	3,607,266	20,939,350
1950-51(e)	882,455	548,373	145,132	1,575,960	1,985,821	12,333,075	1,141,318	2,403,767	15,878,160

(a) Includes hire cars and taxis.

(b) See note (a) in table below.

(c) Not available

(d) Excludes Queensland.

(e) Registrations exclude Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. (Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1956.									
Motor Cars(b) ..	500,621	516,500	187,821	159,821	101,708	50,607	2,175	7,491	1,526,744
Commercial Vehicles, etc.	249,581	154,406	129,925	66,152	68,974	22,427	3,349	2,625	604,439
Motor Cycles ..	36,646	26,807	20,550	20,614	13,551	4,546	606	495	123,515
Total ..	786,848	697,713	338,296	246,587	181,233	77,580	6,130	10,611	2,344,998
At 30th June, 1956 ..	762,950	677,916	326,977	238,701	178,374	76,748	5,554	10,073	2,277,293
" " " 1955 ..	709,036	629,147	307,721	229,502	168,303	71,673	4,999	8,834	2,129,720
" " " 1954 ..	654,557	559,246	234,207	218,412	153,936	65,362	3,823	7,803	1,947,346
" " " 1953 ..	613,554	539,828	266,221	205,702	141,945	60,545	(c)	6,947	1,834,742
" " " 1952 ..	590,532	533,226	255,025	192,313	132,967	55,104	(c)	6,200	1,765,427

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.

(b) Includes hire cars and taxis.

(c) Not available.

(d) Excludes Northern Territory.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES. (Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Tas.	Total.
SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956.									
Motor Cars(b) ..	25,717	24,319	9,938	8,163	4,760	2,811	164	582	76,454
Commercial Vehicles, etc.	11,539	6,986	5,440	3,065	2,276	1,074	215	123	30,718
Motor Cycles ..	1,387	1,002	846	652	527	166	30	20	4,630
Total ..	38,643	32,307	16,224	11,880	7,563	4,051	409	725	111,802
Total 1955-56 ..	85,039	72,753	32,689	25,896	16,462	8,425	620	1,556	243,440
1954-55 ..	84,554	69,243	34,116	27,248	19,677	8,483	588	1,362	245,271
1953-54 ..	67,987	50,904	28,455	21,162	16,864	7,133	420	932	193,857
1952-53 ..	59,099	43,132	23,372	17,470	13,283	5,566	(c)	386	156,996
1951-52 ..	73,466	70,256	27,270	24,466	17,382	7,278	(d)	817	e 220,935

(a) See Note (a) in table above.

(b) Includes hire cars and taxis.

(c) Excludes motor

cycles.

(d) Not available.

(e) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1945–46 to 1954–55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 31–34.

CIVIL AVIATION. Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc.

Particulars.	At 30th June.				At 30th September.	
	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
Registered Aircraft Owners ..	369	384	414	437	426	446
Registered Aircraft ..	821	845	887	934	896	953
Pilots' Licences—						
Private	1,677	2,035	2,245	2,453	2,262	2,451
Student	2,639	2,831	3,193	3,272	(a)	3,316
Commercial	518	552	582	665	614	717
Airline Transport ..	911	917	963	1,003	967	991
Flight Navigators' Licences ..	163	166	161	177	162	177
Radio Operators' Licences ..	1,256	1,310	1,344	1,461	1,377	1,500
Flight Engineers' Licences ..	58	67	98	94	102	95
Ground Engineers' Licences ..	1,700	1,757	1,747	1,818	1,741	1,804
Aerodromes—						
Government	186	198	183	188	183	183
Public	260	262	304	301	308	308
Flying Boat Bases and						
Alighting Areas ..	15	16	13	13	13	13

Australian Airline Operations, Etc.

Particulars.	1952–53.	1953–54.	1954–55.	1955–56.	Three Months ended 30th September.	
					1955.	1956.

REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

Hours flown ..	No.	237,640	251,019	257,787	251,900	60,945	63,090
Miles flown ..	'000.	39,059	41,014	43,513	43,701	10,742	10,381
Paying passengers ..	No.	1,706,446	1,772,357	1,918,125	2,020,380	476,166	482,874
Paying passenger-miles ..	'000.	667,321	702,139	765,652	827,835	198,633	206,414
Freight—							
Tons (b) .. ..	..	57,635	69,479	78,711	84,446	20,585	19,025
Ton-miles (b) ..	'000.	27,167	32,650	36,984	38,909	9,850	9,633
Mail—							
Tons (b) .. ..	..	2,311	2,316	2,317	2,478	563	621
Ton-miles (b) ..	'000.	1,166	1,225	1,257	1,357	323	338

OVERSEA SERVICES.(c)

Unduplicated route miles	No.	(d) 66,558	(d) 64,250	(d) 63,774	(d) 58,618	(d) 58,819	(d) 54,632
Hours flown ..	..	54,148	53,580	49,326	50,665	11,682	13,622
Miles flown ..	'000.	11,565	11,464	11,128	12,028	2,731	3,204
Paying passengers ..	No.	97,753	102,965	114,371	131,934	27,430	33,079
Paying passenger-miles ..	'000.	275,206	290,603	317,565	383,930	83,981	113,327
Freight—							
Tons (b) .. ..	..	1,957	2,295	2,662	2,990	736	765
Ton-miles (b) ..	'000.	7,401	8,331	9,372	10,494	2,548	2,760
Mail—							
Tons (b) .. ..	..	1,168	1,379	1,442	1,491	342	380
Ton-miles (b) ..	'000.	6,122	7,718	7,927	8,459	1,786	2,302

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT(e) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES.

Number .. .. .	..	16	26	22	31	6	13
Persons Killed ..	..	5	36	27	22	5	7
Persons Injured ..	..	19	27	19	27	8	10

(a) Not available. (b) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (c) Airlines wholly owned or partly owned by Australian interests. (d) At 30th June. (e) Aircraft on Australian Register and gliders irrespective of location of accident.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, on pages 55-76. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included on pages 37-43 of that Bulletin.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.

(Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st Dec. 1956.
	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Lines connected ..	985,383	1,049,626	1,127,386	1,206,625	1,244,730
Instruments connected ..	1,383,702	1,475,513	1,587,082	1,703,622	1,762,173

BROADCASTING—LISTENERS' LICENCES.

(Number.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1951 ..	679,232	522,502	270,587	204,695	189,669	68,149	1,884,834
" " 1952 ..	741,355	520,364	279,852	208,691	141,950	68,832	1,961,044
" " 1953 ..	742,002	533,329	282,338	212,104	145,141	70,741	1,985,655
" " 1954 ..	769,478	545,148	287,688	220,065	148,192	71,047	2,041,613
" " 1955 ..	746,050	549,690	293,542	223,593	150,199	71,602	2,034,676
" " 1956 ..	776,284	554,339	301,371	228,625	153,445	74,729	2,088,793
21st December, 1956	774,058	553,818	304,938	231,367	154,344	73,067	2,091,592

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(a)

(Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Total Acci- dents Re- ported.	Acci- dents in- volving Casual- ties.	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.		
			Number.	Per Million of Popu- lation.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Popu- lation.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1956.								
New South Wales ..	38,823	12,917	808	229	106	17,047	4,837	2,234
Victoria ..	14,781	10,606	582	227	86	13,483	5,257	1,989
Queensland ..	25,557	7,116	298	220	91	9,170	6,779	2,804
South Australia ..	12,530	2,886	167	200	70	3,709	4,444	1,554
Western Australia ..	11,312	3,211	185	277	104	4,098	6,125	2,297
Tasmania ..	2,259	874	72	226	95	1,046	3,277	1,374
Australian Capital Terri- tory ..	376	156	7	208	69	220	6,539	2,184
Total ..	105,638	37,766	2,119	228	93	48,773	5,245	2,148
Year 1954-55(b) ..	97,758	36,602	2,042	225	995	46,465	5,121	2,264
„ 1953-54(b) ..	87,224	35,523	1,976	222	105	44,629	5,013	2,377
„ 1952-53(b) ..	75,295	31,085	1,856	213	101	39,405	4,513	2,147
„ 1951-52(b) ..	68,110	31,144	2,054	241	116	38,376	4,502	2,174

(a) Refers to those accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment, or in damage in excess of £10 to property. It should be noted, however, that the comparability of the statistics between States, even on this basis, still depends on the degree to which accidents so defined are in fact recorded by the police. Under legislation passed in Tasmania on 10th August, 1954, it is no longer obligatory to report accidents involving only damage to property. (b) Excludes Northern Territory.

Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1954—June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	58.7	696.1	205.7	300.1	128.4	198.3	176.6
1955—June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1
1956—June	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	57.3	722.2	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2
1955—July	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	58.3	712.2	212.1	308.9	128.8	205.5	181.6
Aug.	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	58.2	716.2	210.0	309.3	128.8	206.3	182.1
Sept.	597.5	1,405.6	2,003.1	58.2	717.4	210.5	308.5	128.9	208.2	182.2
Oct.	595.0	1,406.7	2,001.7	57.6	718.7	208.6	306.8	129.5	209.2	182.3
Nov.	595.2	1,417.2	2,012.4	57.7	722.4	208.6	308.6	131.9	210.5	183.4
Dec.	596.3	1,416.6	2,012.9	57.2	718.5	205.4	309.0	135.6	212.3	185.2
1956—July	605.7	1,416.2	2,021.9	57.2	719.9	214.0	311.0	129.5	211.0	187.6
Aug.	605.7	1,414.3	2,020.0	57.5	718.2	212.7	312.2	129.0	211.3	187.7
Sept.	604.0	1,416.1	2,020.1	57.5	718.1	212.4	311.0	128.7	212.9	188.4
Oct.	601.6	1,416.5	2,018.1	57.5	716.9	211.0	311.2	129.2	212.2	189.5
Nov.	602.6	1,424.7	2,027.3	57.3	719.3	212.0	311.7	131.9	214.1	190.5
Dec.	602.5	1,420.1	2,022.6	57.2	715.3	210.2	310.2	134.8	214.1	190.3
FEMALES.										
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1954—June	114.5	593.0	707.5	1.0	219.8	4.7	36.5	115.3	77.0	218.7
1955—June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1
1956—June	129.8	629.1	758.9	1.2	228.3	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1	236.5
1955—July	123.6	615.1	738.7	1.1	224.4	4.9	38.6	121.7	83.3	228.2
Aug.	124.2	616.7	740.9	1.1	225.6	4.9	38.6	121.3	83.8	229.3
Sept.	123.7	620.2	743.9	1.1	226.9	4.9	38.6	122.1	84.2	230.0
Oct.	124.0	623.8	747.8	1.1	228.7	4.9	39.0	123.3	84.4	230.6
Nov.	124.9	631.2	756.1	1.1	228.8	4.9	40.0	123.8	84.6	232.0
Dec.	124.0	634.2	758.2	1.1	227.6	4.9	39.1	132.3	85.1	232.0
1956—July	130.8	626.8	757.6	1.2	226.7	5.1	40.2	122.4	87.8	236.9
Aug.	130.6	625.7	756.3	1.2	226.3	5.1	40.1	121.0	87.9	237.4
Sept.	129.9	627.1	757.0	1.2	227.2	5.1	40.0	121.1	87.7	237.7
Oct.	129.3	630.0	759.3	1.2	227.1	5.1	40.1	122.2	87.9	238.9
Nov.	129.6	635.9	765.5	1.2	227.4	5.2	40.7	126.5	88.0	239.9
Dec.	128.4	635.4	763.8	1.2	224.8	5.2	39.9	130.0	88.0	238.2
PERSONS.										
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1954—June	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	59.7	915.9	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	395.3
1955—June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2	410.2
1956—June	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	58.5	950.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8	423.7
1955—July	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	59.4	936.6	217.0	347.5	250.5	288.8	409.8
Aug.	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	59.3	941.8	214.9	347.9	250.1	290.1	411.4
Sept.	721.2	2,025.8	2,747.0	59.3	944.3	215.4	347.1	251.0	292.4	412.2
Oct.	719.0	2,030.5	2,749.5	58.7	947.4	213.5	345.8	252.8	293.6	412.9
Nov.	720.1	2,048.4	2,768.5	58.8	951.2	213.5	348.6	260.7	295.1	415.4
Dec.	720.3	2,050.8	2,771.1	58.3	946.1	210.3	348.1	267.9	297.4	417.2
1956—July	736.5	2,043.0	2,779.5	58.4	946.6	219.1	351.2	251.9	298.8	424.5
Aug.	736.3	2,040.0	2,776.3	58.7	944.5	217.8	352.3	250.0	299.2	425.1
Sept.	733.9	2,043.2	2,777.1	58.7	945.3	217.5	351.0	249.8	300.6	426.1
Oct.	730.9	2,046.5	2,777.4	58.7	944.0	216.1	351.3	251.4	300.1	428.4
Nov.	732.2	2,060.6	2,792.8	58.5	946.7	217.2	352.4	253.4	302.1	430.4
Dec.	730.9	2,055.5	2,786.4	58.4	940.1	215.4	350.1	264.8	302.1	428.5

(a) Employees in the Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948), subject to revision.

(b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees within Australia.

(c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)
(’000.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1952—June ..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1953—June ..	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.8	4.6	8.5	1,886.8
1954—June ..	758.1	539.7	263.7	176.0	135.0	62.8	4.9	8.2	1,948.4
1955—June ..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
1956—June ..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	5.0	8.5	2,025.9
1955—July ..	776.9	554.7	272.9	178.4	135.7	63.7	5.0	8.7	1,996.0
Aug. ..	780.1	555.7	272.8	177.6	135.9	63.7	5.0	8.8	1,999.6
Sept. ..	779.8	556.5	273.5	179.5	136.6	63.3	5.0	8.9	2,003.1
Oct. ..	779.4	556.8	273.1	179.5	136.3	62.9	4.9	8.8	2,001.7
Nov. ..	784.1	559.7	273.9	180.7	137.0	63.3	4.9	8.8	2,012.4
Dec. ..	786.1	560.9	269.0	181.9	137.5	63.7	4.9	8.9	2,012.9
1956—July ..	786.1	563.1	276.5	183.5	134.6	64.6	5.1	8.4	2,021.9
Aug. ..	786.6	561.3	277.0	182.5	134.7	64.4	5.1	8.4	2,020.0
Sept. ..	786.8	561.6	276.7	182.6	134.4	64.4	5.1	8.5	2,020.1
Oct. ..	785.2	560.9	277.2	182.3	134.5	64.3	5.2	8.5	2,018.1
Nov. ..	790.6	563.8	277.4	182.5	134.8	64.4	5.2	8.6	2,027.3
Dec. ..	791.6	563.1	272.0	182.2	134.7	65.1	5.2	8.7	2,022.6
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1952—June ..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1953—June ..	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
1954—June ..	279.5	217.7	86.1	56.9	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
1955—June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
1956—June ..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	1.1	3.1	758.9
1955—July ..	293.0	226.1	90.0	60.6	43.9	21.2	1.0	2.9	738.7
Aug. ..	294.5	226.7	90.0	60.8	43.7	21.3	1.0	2.9	740.9
Sept. ..	295.9	227.0	90.4	61.4	43.9	21.4	1.0	2.9	743.9
Oct. ..	297.7	228.3	90.6	61.9	43.9	21.5	1.0	2.9	747.8
Nov. ..	301.5	230.7	91.1	62.6	44.4	21.8	1.1	2.9	756.1
Dec. ..	303.4	229.9	91.0	63.2	44.5	22.2	1.1	2.9	758.2
1956—July ..	299.5	232.5	91.3	63.1	44.6	22.5	1.1	3.0	757.6
Aug. ..	299.2	232.0	91.6	62.9	44.0	22.4	1.1	3.1	756.3
Sept. ..	300.1	232.3	91.7	62.6	44.2	21.9	1.1	3.1	757.0
Oct. ..	301.0	233.3	91.8	62.8	44.2	22.0	1.1	3.1	759.3
Nov. ..	304.0	235.5	92.2	63.0	44.4	22.1	1.2	3.1	765.5
Dec. ..	304.7	232.8	92.0	62.9	44.6	22.6	1.2	3.0	763.8
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1952—June ..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June ..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	5.5	11.0	2,560.5
1954—June ..	1,037.6	757.4	349.8	232.9	177.8	83.8	5.8	10.8	2,655.9
1955—June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
1956—June ..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	6.1	11.6	2,784.8
1955—July ..	1,069.9	780.8	362.9	239.0	179.6	84.9	6.0	11.6	2,734.7
Aug. ..	1,074.6	782.4	362.8	238.4	179.6	85.0	6.0	11.7	2,740.5
Sept. ..	1,075.7	783.5	363.9	240.9	180.5	84.7	6.0	11.8	2,747.0
Oct. ..	1,077.1	785.1	363.7	241.4	180.2	84.4	5.9	11.7	2,749.5
Nov. ..	1,085.6	790.4	365.0	243.3	181.4	85.1	6.0	11.7	2,768.5
Dec. ..	1,089.5	790.8	360.0	245.1	182.0	85.9	6.0	11.8	2,771.1
1956—July ..	1,085.6	795.6	367.8	246.6	179.2	87.1	6.2	11.4	2,779.5
Aug. ..	1,085.8	793.3	368.6	245.4	178.7	86.8	6.2	11.5	2,776.3
Sept. ..	1,086.9	793.9	368.4	245.2	178.6	86.3	6.2	11.6	2,777.1
Oct. ..	1,086.2	794.2	369.0	245.1	178.7	86.3	6.3	11.6	2,774.7
Nov. ..	1,094.6	799.3	369.6	245.5	179.2	86.5	6.4	11.7	2,792.8
Dec. ..	1,096.3	795.9	364.0	245.1	179.3	87.7	6.4	11.7	2,786.4

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.

See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unadjusted.	Adjusted. (a)
1938-39(b) ..	'000. 219.5	'000. 193.9	'000. 51.5	'000. 42.0	'000. 22.1	'000. 13.2	'000. 391.8	'000. 150.4	'000. 542.2	1,031	1,022
1951-52(b)(c) ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.9	22.0	672.4	223.0	895.4	1,703	1,369
1952-53(b)(c) ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617	1,268
1953-54(b)(c) ..	369.6	296.1	85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	681.1	214.5	895.6	1,703	1,312
1954-55(b)(c) ..	384.0	308.5	87.1	85.1	41.3	23.0	704.9	224.1	929.0	1,767	1,334
1955-56(b)(c) ..	391.5	315.6	87.8	87.0	41.8	24.3	719.8	228.2	948.0	1,803	1,328
1955-56—											
October ..	391.7	314.5	90.0	86.0	41.9	23.3	718.7	228.7	947.4	1,802	1,335
November ..	393.3	315.6	90.2	86.4	42.2	23.5	722.4	228.8	951.2	1,809	1,338
December ..	392.3	314.8	85.0	87.3	42.3	24.4	718.5	227.6	946.1	1,800	1,328
January(d) ..	391.1	315.5	83.4	88.7	42.1	24.8	718.9	226.7	945.6	1,799	1,324
February ..	394.2	318.9	85.4	88.3	42.0	24.7	721.8	231.7	953.5	1,814	1,332
March ..	392.5	319.6	86.0	88.6	41.7	24.8	722.4	230.8	953.2	1,813	1,328
April ..	393.1	318.5	87.0	87.8	41.5	25.4	723.9	229.4	953.3	1,813	1,326
May ..	392.4	317.5	88.1	87.1	41.3	25.5	723.1	228.8	951.9	1,810	1,321
June ..	391.6	316.6	89.5	86.4	41.0	25.4	722.2	228.3	950.5	1,808	1,318
1956-57—											
July ..	389.5	315.0	90.0	86.1	40.7	25.3	719.9	226.7	946.6	1,800	1,309
August ..	390.0	313.6	89.5	85.8	40.5	25.1	718.2	226.3	944.5	1,796	1,304
September ..	390.9	313.7	89.7	85.6	40.8	24.6	718.1	227.2	945.3	1,798	1,303
October ..	391.1	312.5	89.3	85.5	40.9	24.7	716.9	227.1	944.0	1,795	1,299
November ..	392.8	313.3	89.6	85.2	41.0	24.8	719.3	227.4	946.7	1,801	1,300
December ..	391.6	311.7	85.2	85.2	41.0	25.4	715.3	224.8	940.1	1,788	1,288

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.
monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

(b) Average of monthly figures.

(c) From July, 1948,

(d) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

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Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1951-52(c) ..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53(c) ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54(c) ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55(c) ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1955-56(c) ..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	124.2	254.7
1955-56—									
October ..	96.5	71.2	31.6	25.1	19.7	7.9	129.5	123.3	252.8
November ..	100.6	73.0	32.5	25.7	20.0	8.1	131.9	128.8	260.7
December ..	106.0	73.5	32.5	26.3	20.5	8.3	135.6	132.3	267.9
January ..	98.0	72.3	32.1	25.9	20.2	8.0	131.4	125.9	257.3
February ..	96.6	71.2	31.4	25.7	19.9	8.0	130.2	123.3	253.5
March ..	97.2	71.2	31.5	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	123.2	253.7
April ..	96.3	71.2	31.6	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.1	122.7	252.8
May ..	96.5	71.3	31.7	25.4	19.7	8.0	130.1	123.3	253.4
June ..	96.0	71.6	31.9	25.2	19.6	7.8	129.9	122.9	252.8
1956-57—									
July ..	95.8	71.0	31.7	25.3	19.6	7.8	129.5	122.4	251.9
August ..	95.1	70.6	31.6	24.8	19.5	7.8	129.0	121.0	250.0
September ..	94.9	70.8	31.5	24.8	19.4	7.7	128.7	121.1	249.8
October ..	95.3	71.2	31.9	24.9	19.6	7.8	129.2	122.2	251.4
November ..	99.1	72.9	32.7	25.2	19.7	7.9	131.9	126.5	258.4
December ..	103.5	73.8	32.9	25.1	20.2	8.4	134.8	130.0	264.8

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.
(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Average of monthly figures.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, see page 78.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

1949-50	..	10,728	128	1,578	326	267	30	13,057
1950-51	..	293	90	320	6	60	15	784
1951-52	..	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	..	..	2,391
1952-53	..	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	..	..	29,510
1953-54	..	6,859	2,856	3,177	270	427	223	..	..	13,812
1954-55	..	1,523	576	1,459	66	157	86	..	4	3,871
1955-56	..	1,844	447	1,544	77	473	58	..	5	3,948
Quarter ended—										
September, 1954		2,363	1,025	1,137	88	172	138	..	3	4,926
December, "		1,333	563	908	63	117	111	..	4	3,099
March, 1955		1,300	399	2,259	60	162	53	..	4	4,237
June, "		1,095	318	1,532	54	178	40	1	3	3,221
September, "		943	347	621	50	255	72	..	2	2,290
December, "		719	301	572	45	240	70	..	1	1,948
March, 1956		1,667	359	2,991	62	441	43	..	3	5,566
June, "		2,093	793	2,068	154	972	46	1	15	6,142
September, "		3,056	2,765	914	598	2,099	98	..	15	9,545

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1949-50	..	2,971	1,960	997	737	497	390	..	..	7,552
1950-51	..	2,833	1,835	958	657	475	317	..	..	7,125
1951-52	..	2,593	1,584	935	605	461	218	..	..	6,486
1952-53	..	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	..	..	7,054
1953-54	..	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239	..	..	7,967
1954-55	..	3,337	1,994	1,284	645	459	231	5	12	7,967
1955-56	..	3,110	1,695	1,189	637	428	229	4	11	7,303
Quarter ended—										
September, 1954		3,564	2,095	1,258	606	485	252	4	12	8,366
December, "		3,382	2,046	1,337	676	452	241	6	12	8,152
March, 1955		3,163	1,900	1,284	602	454	221	5	12	7,641
June, "		3,238	1,936	1,253	607	445	208	5	13	7,710
September, "		3,321	1,972	1,245	673	455	230	3	12	7,911
December, "		3,083	1,671	1,205	641	415	248	3	10	7,276
March, 1956		2,974	1,551	1,170	596	421	213	3	10	6,938
June, "		3,062	1,589	1,135	633	422	227	6	11	7,090
September, "		3,170	1,733	1,151	636	473	244	5	14	7,426

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants) receiving special benefits at end of each week were:—1949-50, 877; 1950-51, 863; 1951-52, 987; 1952-53, 1,372; 1953-54, 1,859; 1954-55, 1,966, and 1955-56, 1,984.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK)—STATES.

Period.	Dis- putes.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
		Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1956(b) ..	878	219,458	6,796	226,254	602,734	8,545	611,279	2,199,764
1955—Dec. Qtr.	242	59,479	168	59,647	92,108	13,652	105,760	378,919
1956—Mar. „(b)	240	86,112	3,835	89,947	271,707	8,545	280,252	1,018,644
June „	195	52,166	736	52,902	100,793	23,042	123,835	511,345
Sept. „	222	44,925	2,056	46,981	119,822	25,939	145,761	480,650
Dec. „	221	36,255	169	36,424	51,374	5,057	56,431	189,125
VICTORIA.								
Year—1956(b) ..	54	35,594	2,283	37,877	111,525	140	111,665	386,139
1955—Dec. Qtr.	11	8,282	184	8,466	18,355	..	18,355	67,962
1956—Mar. „(b)	23	16,540	1,317	17,857	85,405	140	85,545	301,665
June „	7	5,287	110	5,397	5,726	4,388	10,114	33,475
Sept. „	16	10,539	48	10,587	8,552	..	8,552	29,575
Dec. „	8	3,228	808	4,036	7,454	..	7,454	21,424
QUEENSLAND.								
Year—1956 ..	269	112,409	2,973	115,382	238,812	..	238,812	815,592
1955—Dec. Qtr.	65	38,383	912	39,295	29,667	1,852	31,519	99,991
1956—Mar. „	61	53,979	233	54,212	123,991	..	123,991	418,799
June „	60	16,888	644	17,532	35,381	716	36,097	116,561
Sept. „	67	17,616	787	18,403	45,556	2,632	48,188	166,952
Dec. „	81	23,926	1,309	25,235	29,985	551	30,536	113,280
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1956 ..	21	18,527	..	18,527	74,666	..	74,666	259,636
1955—Dec. Qtr.	6	6,036	..	6,036	8,739	..	8,739	30,615
1956—Mar. „	5	4,357	..	4,357	39,374	..	39,374	137,792
June „	7	4,698	..	4,698	6,155	..	6,155	22,365
Sept. „	5	4,179	..	4,179	23,533	..	23,533	81,964
Dec. „	4	5,293	..	5,293	5,604	..	5,604	17,515
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1956 ..	14	9,780	1,341	11,121	31,944	..	31,944	111,504
1955—Dec. Qtr.	7	3,684	168	3,852	4,611	..	4,611	15,671
1956—Mar. „	4	3,828	1,220	5,048	28,567	..	28,567	99,839
June „	1	2,039	..	2,039	564	..	564	1,973
Sept. „	7	3,787	121	3,908	1,644	..	1,644	5,532
Dec. „	2	126	..	126	1,169	..	1,169	4,160
TASMANIA.								
Year—1956 ..	45	15,969	..	15,969	46,907	..	46,907	172,206
1955—Dec. Qtr.	11	3,113	..	3,113	3,053	..	3,053	10,668
1956—Mar. „	14	6,922	..	6,922	23,745	..	23,745	83,060
June „	9	2,996	..	2,996	2,588	549	3,137	11,104
Sept. „	12	3,699	..	3,699	12,836	..	12,836	44,928
Dec. „	10	2,352	..	2,352	7,189	..	7,189	33,114
AUSTRALIA.(c)								
Year—1956(b) ..	1,306	414,590	13,393	427,983	1,112,698	8,685	1,121,383	3,967,061
1955—Dec. Qtr.	345	119,294	1,432	120,726	156,946	15,504	172,450	605,251
1956—Mar. „(b)	352	172,149	6,605	178,754	574,434	8,685	583,119	2,065,558
June „	283	84,560	1,490	86,050	152,367	33,695	186,062	700,884
Sept. „	338	85,817	3,012	88,829	214,000	28,571	242,571	817,632
Dec. „	333	72,064	2,286	74,350	104,023	5,608	109,631	382,987

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1955. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK) : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA. (a)

Period.	Manu- facturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.)		Transport, Land, Sea and Air. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscel- laneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups
			(I) Coal- mining.	(II) Other Mining.			
NUMBER.							
1952	164	27	1,219	7	202	8	1,627
1953	143	41	944	6	311	14	1,459
1954	192	47	942	4	290	15	1,490
1955	277	72	777	8	377	21	1,532
1956	164	81	665	5	361	30	1,306
1955— Dec. Qtr. ..	67	16	166	1	85	10	345
1956— March	52	30	172	..	93	5	352
June	38	21	143	2	70	9	283
Sept.	47	17	172	1	95	6	338
Dec.	27	13	178	2	103	10	333

WORKERS INVOLVED.

1952	157,870	1,862	193,066	4,769	145,033	3,134	505,734
1953	155,249	8,417	147,791	3,020	179,786	1,783	496,046
1954	57,010	6,925	155,630	494	145,521	4,494	370,074
1955	87,295	22,297	135,543	1,105	191,595	6,812	444,647
1956	45,459	21,225	126,631	7,889	213,386	13,393	427,983
1955— Dec. Qtr. ..	15,634	3,214	34,101	14	65,171	2,592	120,726
1956— March	23,306	3,790	54,976	..	96,289	393	178,754
June	5,682	4,478	21,040	6,058	41,718	7,074	86,050
Sept.	11,836	1,995	26,246	622	45,344	2,786	88,829
Dec.	4,635	10,962	24,369	1,209	30,035	3,140	74,350

WORKING DAYS LOST.

1952	572,169	20,079	286,749	19,743	261,109	3,655	1,163,504
1953	351,722	67,506	378,715	18,956	222,564	11,867	1,050,830
1954	244,770	31,751	255,726	7,720	352,311	9,861	901,639
1955	493,075	69,443	225,386	9,106	188,532	25,392	1,010,884
1956	284,717	68,073	198,354	12,633	521,662	35,944	1,121,883
1955— Dec. Qtr. ..	33,785	10,147	58,418	28	58,549	11,523	172,450
1956— March	136,751	20,079	78,345	..	346,561	1,383	583,119
June	70,391	28,551	33,040	6,290	33,232	14,558	186,062
Sept.	61,500	9,470	47,273	1,200	117,374	5,754	242,571
Dec.	16,075	9,973	39,696	5,143	24,495	14,249	109,631

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES. (£.)

1952	1,593,902	56,034	932,480	94,743	752,124	10,567	3,439,850
1953	1,023,366	242,500	1,247,895	80,456	703,537	39,653	3,337,437
1954	767,051	115,972	862,384	41,265	1,207,932	26,607	3,021,211
1955	1,533,880	234,596	789,322	31,661	641,604	79,258	3,310,332
1956	1,033,759	259,582	683,710	69,840	1,809,656	110,514	3,967,061
1955— Dec. Qtr. ..	117,835	40,647	205,360	140	199,477	41,792	605,251
1956— March	521,551	69,105	272,746	..	1,198,900	3,256	2,065,558
June	271,546	115,847	109,255	36,400	121,104	46,732	700,884
Sept.	187,398	32,913	166,632	4,990	406,961	18,738	817,632
Dec.	53,264	41,717	135,077	28,450	82,691	41,788	382,987

(a) See notes on page 97.

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.									
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(a) 380
1951	225	156	128	137	152	101	17	29	(a) 359
1952	223	159	129	139	151	98	15	31	(a) 360
1953	224	159	129	138	152	98	18	28	(a) 365
1954	223	158	129	138	154	98	18	29	(a) 371
1955	235	160	130	138	154	101	20	32	(a) 372

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1939	353,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1951	678,338	433,407	277,037	140,067	105,507	47,413	2,764	5,738	1,690,271
1952	649,163	416,349	274,908	137,495	105,462	46,948	2,340	4,877	1,637,542
1953	665,737	424,428	285,718	140,154	107,642	48,293	2,535	5,251	1,679,768
1954	732,737	433,891	305,304	147,555	109,589	50,290	2,168	5,970	1,787,504
1955	731,960	446,372	305,509	146,422	111,959	51,401	2,440	5,799	1,801,802

(a) Without interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£'000.)							
1951-52 ..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53 ..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54 ..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55 ..	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56 ..	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
1955-56—							
December Qtr.	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March ..	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June ..	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
1956-57—							
September Qtr.	19,613	13,877	6,145	4,364	3,003	1,529	48,531
December ..	21,038	14,627	6,584	4,497	3,011	1,610	51,367

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(c)
(£.)

1951-52 ..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53 ..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54 ..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55 ..	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56 ..	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
1955-56—							
December Qtr.	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March ..	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June ..	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02
1956-57—							
September Qtr.	18.75	18.87	15.97	17.63	17.14	17.15	18.12
December ..	20.01	19.84	17.14	18.20	17.19	18.04	19.13

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

**WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES
PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1956.(a)**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, etc...	Weekly Wage	325/3	300/2	292/5	295/2	316/8	305/8	309/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	8/1½	7/6	7/8½	7/4½	7/11	7/7½	7/8½
II. Engineering Works, etc. Metal	Weekly Wage	308/3	295/3	318/9	289/4	317/5	308/5	303/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/8½	7/4½	7/11½	7/2½	7/11½	7/8½	7/7
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	314/10	312/1	287/0	300/2	306/11	320/1	307/3
	Working Hours	40.00	39.93	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	7/10½	7/9½	7/2	7/6	7/8	8/0	7/8½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	Weekly Wage	293/9	292/6	298/2	298/2	302/5	290/2	294/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/4	7/3½	7/5½	7/5½	7/6½	7/3	7/4½
V. Books, Printing, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	357/10	346/6	334/1	328/9	362/4	345/10	348/9
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	37.69	40.00	39.72
	Hourly Wage	8/11½	8/9½	8/4½	8/4½	9/7½	8/7½	8/9½
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	314/0	299/2	283/10	296/0	305/10	314/4	304/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/10½	7/5½	7/1½	7/4½	7/7½	7/10½	7/7½
VII. Building ..	Weekly Wage	356/8	335/4	324/5	314/1	333/2	327/10	340/0
	Working Hours	39.94	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	8/11½	8/4½	8/1½	7/10½	8/4	8/2½	8/6
VIII. Mining (c) ..	Weekly Wage	316/10	312/3	301/3	282/1	330/3	301/5	313/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.15	40.00	39.69
	Hourly Wage	7/11	7/9½	7/6½	7/0½	8/7½	7/6½	7/10½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	337/3	321/4	309/3	294/6	309/1	325/10	322/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	8/5½	8/0½	7/8½	7/4½	7/8½	8/1½	8/0½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	316/1	286/3	281/2	278/4	306/6	293/6	298/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/10½	7/2	7/0½	6/11½	7/8	7/4	7/5½
XI. Shipping, etc.(d)(e) ..	Weekly Wage	325/7	325/8	322/6	323/6	324/2	325/1	324/9
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.(f)	Weekly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	Weekly Wage	297/2	290/11	266/0	265/11	286/0	281/6	287/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/5½	7/3½	6/7½	6/7½	7/1½	7/0½	7/2½
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	Weekly Wage	313/10	301/2	278/11	273/3	298/5	293/1	300/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/10½	7/6½	6/11½	6/10	7/5½	7/4	7/6
All Groups (b)(g)	Weekly Wage	329/7	310/11	303/10	295/2	316/11	318/6	316/5
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	Weekly Wage	319/7	306/5	293/4	287/7	313/3	303/11	308/6
	Working Hours	39.99	39.98	40.00	40.00	39.51	40.00	39.95
	Hourly Wage	8/0	7/8	7/4	7/2½	7/11½	7/7½	7/8½

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wages and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wages are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (f) Not available. (g) For December, 1956 the "All Groups" average weekly wage and index number have been calculated by applying, to the December, 1955 "All Groups" average weekly wage, the percentage movement as shown by the average weekly wage for "All Groups excluding XI. and XII." from December, 1955 to December, 1956.

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1956. (a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	215/9	211/9	190/4	207/5	183/11	207/2	210/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/4½	5/3½	4/9	5/2½	4/7½	5/2½	5/3½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	204/3	204/3	207/9	207/9	208/10	206/11	205/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/1½	5/1½	5/2½	5/2½	5/2½	5/2	5/1½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	224/5	211/5	199/1	215/8	..	208/0	215/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/7½	5/3½	4/11½	5/4½	..	5/2½	5/4½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. . .	Weekly Wage	210/6	216/7	184/7	204/4	195/2	209/10	205/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/3½	5/5	4/7½	5/1½	4/10½	5/3	5/1½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	242/10	253/6	209/5	207/3	..	..	238/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	6/0½	6/4	5/2½	5/2½	..	..	5/11½
All Groups (b) ..	Weekly Wage	216/10	216/2	201/3	207/5	201/8	207/10	213/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/5	5/4½	5/0½	5/2½	5/0½	5/2½	5/4

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX NUMBERS. (a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914 ..	s. d. 56 2	s. d. 54 7	s. d. 53 5	s. d. 54 5	s. d. 62 10	s. d. 52 8	s. d. 55 7
" " 1939 ..	96 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1952 ..	284 8	274 5	267 9	274 6	284 7	276 2	278 2
" " 1953 ..	296 8	282 6	273 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7
" " 1954 ..	298 4	284 3	278 7	282 2	293 3	299 2	290 0
" " 1955 ..	310 1	296 7	284 11	284 0	304 9	302 7	300 0
" " 1956(c) ..	329 7	310 11	303 10	295 2	316 11	318 6	316 5
ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE: 51s. 8d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914 ..	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1939 ..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1952 ..	5,555	5,354	5,224	5,356	5,553	5,388	5,428
" " 1953 ..	5,788	5,513	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,611
" " 1954 ..	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
" " 1955 ..	6,051	5,787	5,559	5,555	5,946	5,905	5,853
" " 1956(c) ..	6,431	6,066	5,928	5,759	6,184	6,214	6,173
ADULT FEMALES: RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914 ..	s. d. 26 10	s. d. 27 9	s. d. 27 1	s. d. 24 1	s. d. 37 4	s. d. 25 10	s. d. 27 5
" " 1939 ..	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" " 1952 ..	193 11	196 2	184 4	195 8	186 0	191 2	193 5
" " 1953 ..	198 5	200 10	188 7	199 6	190 5	196 4	197 11
" " 1954 ..	198 9	200 2	190 0	199 5	190 5	196 7	197 11
" " 1955 ..	205 3	206 9	192 10	199 11	193 7	197 11	203 4
" " 1956 ..	216 10	216 2	201 3	207 5	201 8	207 10	213 2
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914 ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1939 ..	1,960	1,966	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1952 ..	7,138	7,220	6,784	7,202	6,846	7,037	7,120
" " 1953 ..	7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285
" " 1954 ..	7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7,236	7,285
" " 1955 ..	7,554	7,608	7,098	7,358	7,125	7,284	7,486
" " 1956 ..	7,981	7,955	7,406	7,635	7,423	7,649	7,846

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) See note (g) on previous page.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.(a)

Date Operative.	Sydney	Mel-bourne.	Bris-bane.	Adel-aide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capit-als.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
December, 1946	108 0	106 0	101 0	102 0	102 0	103 0	105 0
November, 1947	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
" 1948	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
" 1949	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
" 1950	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0
June, 1956(c)	253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards. (c) On the 25th May, 1956, following the Basic Wage Inquiry, 1956, the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced its decision to increase the basic wage for an adult male by 10s. per week payable from the first pay period in June, 1956.

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	November, 1956.			February, 1957.		
	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.
New South Wales(b)—						
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	Nov., 1956	s. d. 274 0	s. d. 205 6	Feb., 1957	s. d. 270 0	s. d. 202 6
Broken Hill	Nov., 1956	272 0	204 0	Feb., 1957	272 0	204 0
Victoria(c)	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0
Queensland(d)—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane	29.10.56	241 0	162 6	29.10.56	241 0	162 6
Southern Division (Western District)	29.10.56	248 4	166 2	29.10.56	248 4	166 2
Mackay Division	29.10.56	246 6	165 3	29.10.56	246 6	165 3
Northern Division (Eastern District)	29.10.56	251 0	167 6	29.10.56	251 0	167 6
Northern Division (Western District)	29.10.56	258 4	171 2	29.10.56	258 4	171 2
South Australia(e)	June, 1956	241 0	180 6	June, 1956	241 0	180 6
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area	29.10.56	265 2	172 4	25.1.57	266 3	173 1
South-West Land Division ..	29.10.56	262 11	170 11	25.1.57	266 5	173 2
Goldfield and other areas ..	29.10.56	262 8	170 9	25.1.57	266 7	173 3
Tasmania(g)	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown. (b) Automatic quarterly adjustment operative in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers. (c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. (d) By amendment to the Labour and Industry Act automatic quarterly adjustment to the basic wage was discontinued after the August, 1956, adjustment. (e) The Queensland Industrial Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the "C" Series retail price index numbers. (f) Automatic quarterly adjustments not operative. The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area (at present equal to the Commonwealth basic wage for Adelaide) is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. (g) The Western Australian Court of Arbitration each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the cost of living statements prepared by the Government Statistician. (h) No basic wage declared but rates quoted (Hobart) are commonly adopted by Wages Boards. Automatic quarterly adjustments were suspended by the majority of Wages Boards following the adjustment payable in August, 1956.

Section XI.—Prices.

THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the "C" Series, see 1954 Labour Report, pages 8-15.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index : Year 1952-53=100.)

NOTE.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

City.	Year ended June, 1952.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1954.	Year ended June, 1955.	Year ended June, 1956.	1955.	1956.			
						Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
GROUP I.—FOOD (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney	100.0	101.5	104.0	106.7	105.7	106.9	109.1	111.3	110.8
Melbourne	100.0	103.8	104.7	109.9	108.8	109.9	112.8	113.2	113.8
Brisbane	100.0	102.2	103.4	104.7	103.9	104.7	106.4	107.5	107.2
Adelaide	100.0	102.5	106.3	108.7	106.9	108.3	111.9	111.4	109.7
Perth	100.0	106.3	109.4	111.0	109.5	112.1	113.5	115.2	114.3
Hobart	100.0	106.9	106.7	111.3	111.0	111.7	113.1	114.1	115.7
Six Capitals(a)	..	100.0	102.8	104.8	108.1	107.0	108.2	110.7	111.9	111.6

GROUP I.—FOOD (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney	..	89.9	100.0	102.4	103.6	109.0	107.2	109.1	113.1	118.9
Melbourne	..	89.1	100.0	104.6	104.3	112.9	111.5	112.6	117.2	122.4
Brisbane	..	90.1	100.0	104.1	104.2	108.1	105.6	108.7	111.1	115.9
Adelaide	..	90.5	100.0	103.5	106.2	111.1	109.7	110.1	115.2	119.5
Perth	..	87.0	100.0	106.3	109.5	111.3	109.8	112.0	113.9	116.3
Hobart	..	86.8	100.0	107.7	106.8	113.6	113.4	114.7	115.8	119.2
Six Capitals(a)	..	89.4	100.0	103.7	104.6	110.6	109.0	110.6	114.5	119.6

GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.										
Sydney	..	93.6	100.0	101.7	102.3	103.0	103.1	102.8	103.1	103.5
Melbourne	..	93.4	100.0	101.3	102.2	103.9	103.9	104.0	104.0	104.4
Brisbane	..	94.6	100.0	101.7	102.9	103.3	103.2	103.1	103.2	103.7
Adelaide	..	93.9	100.0	102.2	102.9	102.9	103.3	103.1	102.5	102.7
Perth	..	95.5	100.0	100.9	101.6	103.0	103.1	103.0	103.3	103.7
Hobart	..	94.7	100.0	102.6	103.1	104.6	104.4	104.5	105.4	106.0
Six Capitals(a)	..	93.8	100.0	101.6	102.4	103.3	103.4	103.3	103.4	103.8

GROUP III.—RENT(b) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.)										
Sydney	..	87.7	100.0	107.7	109.5	111.3	111.1	111.7	112.0	112.0
Melbourne	..	99.6	100.0	100.8	102.3	111.9	102.9	120.7	121.3	122.0
Brisbane	..	97.7	100.0	102.9	105.2	107.0	106.4	107.3	107.8	108.8
Adelaide	..	86.0	100.0	102.7	105.6	114.9	113.6	116.1	118.0	121.2
Perth	..	94.4	100.0	110.8	149.6	159.1	157.0	160.4	164.1	166.7
Hobart	..	91.4	100.0	108.8	109.4	126.1	110.3	139.4	145.2	147.8
Six Capitals(a)	..	92.6	100.0	105.0	109.6	115.5	112.0	118.8	119.7	120.6

GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(c)										
Sydney	..	93.6	100.0	100.5	100.9	103.6	103.2	103.6	106.2	118.0
Melbourne	..	88.7	100.0	100.9	101.3	109.6	110.1	110.7	114.6	115.7
Brisbane	..	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.5	110.1	109.6	110.0	114.7	116.1
Adelaide	..	90.2	100.0	99.3	99.9	103.7	102.7	102.8	106.6	106.8
Perth	..	89.6	100.0	100.8	101.9	106.4	105.1	106.2	109.9	110.3
Hobart	..	89.0	100.0	108.2	105.1	110.3	109.0	109.9	113.5	119.3
Six Capitals(a)	..	91.3	100.0	100.9	101.4	106.4	106.2	106.7	110.1	115.6

NOTE.—For footnotes see page 104.

Interim Retail Price Index Numbers—continued.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53 = 100.)

City.	Year ended June, 1952.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1954.	Year ended June, 1955.	Year ended June, 1956.	1955.	1956.			
						Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
ALL GROUPS (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney	100.0	101.9	103.2	105.3	104.8	105.3	107.0	111.2	112.6
Melbourne	100.0	102.1	102.9	108.4	107.3	109.4	111.6	112.3	113.1
Brisbane	100.0	102.3	103.7	105.9	105.4	105.5	107.7	108.7	109.5
Adelaide	100.0	101.6	103.6	106.3	105.4	106.1	108.4	108.6	108.7
Perth	100.0	103.9	109.5	112.6	111.5	113.1	115.0	116.1	117.2
Hobart	100.0	106.3	105.6	110.6	108.6	111.9	114.1	116.4	117.7
Six Capitals(a)	..	100.0	102.2	103.7	107.0	106.3	107.4	109.4	111.5	112.5

ALL GROUPS (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).

Sydney ..	91.7	100.0	102.2	103.1	106.1	105.4	106.2	108.5	114.0	113.8	
Melbourne ..	91.0	100.0	102.4	102.7	109.5	108.3	110.4	113.3	115.7	115.5	
Brisbane ..	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.0	107.1	106.0	107.3	109.5	111.9	111.2	
Adelaide ..	90.9	100.0	102.0	103.6	107.2	106.4	106.8	109.7	111.6	110.9	
Perth ..	90.7	100.0	103.9	109.6	112.7	111.6	113.1	115.2	116.6	117.6	
Hobart ..	89.9	100.0	106.6	105.6	111.5	109.6	113.0	115.1	118.3	119.4	
Six Capitals(a)	91.4	100.0	102.5	103.6	108.0	107.0	108.3	110.8	114.4	114.2	

(a) Weighted Average. (b) Rent.—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of rent, food and groceries, etc. since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1955.		1956.			
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.

GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.)(a)

Sydney ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,998	2,864	2,882	2,906	2,979	3,060	3,048
Melbourne ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,974	2,869	2,901	2,907	2,987	2,999	3,001
Brisbane ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,598	2,518	2,533	2,554	2,585	2,624	2,628
Adelaide ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,709	2,631	2,622	2,646	2,739	2,748	2,704
Perth ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,997	2,862	2,885	2,958	3,000	3,039	2,990
Hobart ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,025	2,925	2,992	2,993	3,033	3,038	3,035
Six Capitals (b)	..	..	..	..	..	2,923	2,810	2,831	2,851	2,922	2,966	2,954

GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Including Potatoes and Onions.)

Sydney ..	..	904	2,654	2,711	2,721	2,871	3,160	2,907	2,936	2,986	3,128	3,351	3,173
Melbourne ..	..	884	2,509	2,634	2,687	2,854	3,180	2,926	2,994	3,002	3,148	3,337	3,233
Brisbane ..	..	838	2,328	2,413	2,451	2,526	2,719	2,553	2,530	2,628	2,684	2,853	2,711
Adelaide ..	..	861	2,380	2,444	2,525	2,657	2,871	2,677	2,712	2,700	2,847	3,026	2,910
Perth ..	..	899	2,359	2,603	2,802	2,868	3,004	2,870	2,878	2,937	3,000	3,063	3,017
Hobart ..	..	880	2,487	2,803	2,797	2,925	3,142	2,944	3,052	3,076	3,102	3,203	3,188
Six Capitals (b)	..	886	2,526	2,641	2,671	2,811	3,084	2,854	2,891	2,926	3,054	3,244	3,111

GROUP II.—RENT(c)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.

Sydney ..	..	1,004	1,118	1,276	1,324	1,338	1,360	1,342	1,348	1,355	1,359	1,360	1,364
Melbourne ..	..	935	984	988	998	1,008	1,195	1,010	1,011	1,136	1,192	1,199	1,203
Brisbane ..	..	841	958	981	1,010	1,027	1,052	1,031	1,031	1,040	1,044	1,054	1,069
Adelaide ..	..	868	1,055	1,155	1,174	1,247	1,358	1,271	1,288	1,316	1,338	1,374	1,403
Perth ..	..	872	1,185	1,205	1,602	1,843	1,972	1,858	1,880	1,920	1,962	1,992	2,013
Hobart ..	..	913	1,079	1,249	1,271	1,275	1,692	1,272	1,282	1,619	1,684	1,715	1,751
Six Capitals (b)	..	942	1,057	1,138	1,192	1,226	1,325	1,232	1,238	1,310	1,320	1,330	1,339

GROUP III.—CLOTHING.

Sydney ..	..	833	3,116	3,273	3,263	3,268	3,292	3,276	3,279	3,267	3,279	3,295	3,328
Melbourne ..	..	820	3,085	3,201	3,196	3,230	3,267	3,243	3,249	3,250	3,255	3,261	3,300
Brisbane ..	..	823	3,016	3,103	3,120	3,141	3,152	3,143	3,136	3,128	3,134	3,155	3,192
Adelaide ..	..	857	3,108	3,235	3,218	3,237	3,224	3,223	3,238	3,239	3,213	3,216	3,226
Perth ..	..	823	3,123	3,185	3,188	3,221	3,241	3,214	3,229	3,223	3,228	3,243	3,265
Hobart ..	..	848	3,089	3,212	3,238	3,261	3,309	3,262	3,278	3,278	3,303	3,316	3,340
Six Capitals (b)	..	829	3,096	3,223	3,218	3,237	3,261	3,243	3,248	3,243	3,248	3,260	3,292

GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Sydney ..	..	936	1,980	2,041	2,048	2,037	2,206	2,040	2,064	2,074	2,135	2,267	2,348
Melbourne ..	..	982	1,949	2,090	2,090	2,129	2,309	2,118	2,214	2,224	2,325	2,336	2,352
Brisbane ..	..	947	1,841	1,928	1,987	2,022	2,166	2,015	2,078	2,086	2,172	2,190	2,215
Adelaide ..	..	1,023	2,025	2,098	2,103	2,145	2,216	2,161	2,160	2,161	2,225	2,227	2,249
Perth ..	..	949	1,945	2,039	2,049	2,095	2,190	2,114	2,123	2,129	2,176	2,181	2,272
Hobart ..	..	933	1,920	2,137	2,125	2,123	2,232	2,136	2,136	2,140	2,199	2,291	2,298
Six Capitals (b)	..	961	1,958	2,053	2,062	2,081	2,236	2,081	2,128	2,137	2,212	2,273	2,320

NOTE.—For footnotes see page 106.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES—continued.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

CITY.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1955.		1956.			
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.

TOTAL ALL GROUPS.

(Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.)(a)

Sydney .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,525	2,439	2,452	2,461	2,501	2,559	2,578
Melbourne ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,492	2,370	2,401	2,447	2,497	2,506	2,519
Brisbane ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,272	2,209	2,225	2,234	2,263	2,287	2,305
Adelaide ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,408	2,350	2,354	2,369	2,413	2,426	2,424
Perth .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,653	2,558	2,576	2,612	2,646	2,671	2,681
Hobart .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,622	2,459	2,488	2,569	2,616	2,645	2,659
Six Capitals (b)	..	..	..	..	..	2,489	2,394	2,413	2,437	2,480	2,511	2,526

TOTAL ALL GROUPS.

(Including Potatoes and Onions.)

Sydney	913	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,584	2,455	2,471	2,490	2,556	2,665	2,624
Melbourne ..	896	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,567	2,392	2,436	2,481	2,555	2,628	2,603
Brisbane ..	852	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,316	2,221	2,223	2,260	2,299	2,370	2,335
Adelaide ..	888	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,466	2,366	2,386	2,388	2,452	2,526	2,497
Perth	882	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,655	2,561	2,573	2,605	2,646	2,680	2,690
Hobart	887	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,663	2,467	2,511	2,598	2,639	2,703	2,712
Six Capitals (b)	897	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,547	2,411	2,435	2,465	2,528	2,612	2,583

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.
note (b) on page 104.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) See

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	Including Potatoes and Onions.					Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.(a)				
	Dec. Qtr. 1955.	1956.				Dec. Qtr. 1955.	1956.			
		March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.		March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	2,936	2,986	3,128	3,351	3,173	2,882	2,906	2,979	3,060	3,048
Newcastle	3,007	3,049	3,162	3,375	3,249	2,967	2,979	3,018	3,096	3,117
Broken Hill	3,128	3,124	3,217	3,463	3,387	3,050	3,056	3,108	3,173	3,180
Goulburn	3,054	3,126	3,187	3,405	3,309	2,988	3,012	3,042	3,104	3,115
Bathurst	3,082	3,132	3,198	3,395	3,295	3,023	3,033	3,062	3,112	3,127
FIVE TOWNS (b)	2,947	2,996	3,133	3,356	3,185	2,894	2,916	2,986	3,066	3,058
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	2,994	3,002	3,148	3,337	3,233	2,901	2,907	2,987	2,999	3,001
Ballarat	3,014	3,028	3,167	3,370	3,263	2,935	2,944	3,023	3,053	3,068
Bendigo	2,957	3,029	3,136	3,366	3,256	2,865	2,933	3,012	3,044	3,059
Geelong	2,960	2,995	3,128	3,318	3,224	2,881	2,914	2,984	3,004	3,021
Warrnambool .. .	3,059	3,053	3,243	3,445	3,387	2,963	2,973	3,112	3,152	3,167
FIVE TOWNS (b)	2,993	3,004	3,148	3,339	3,235	2,901	2,910	2,990	3,004	3,006
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	2,530	2,628	2,684	2,853	2,711	2,533	2,554	2,585	2,624	2,628
Toowoomba	2,600	2,693	2,764	2,905	2,801	2,598	2,612	2,651	2,673	2,705
Rockhampton .. .	2,588	2,677	2,698	2,814	2,708	2,575	2,589	2,587	2,606	2,620
Townsville	2,704	2,800	2,825	2,946	2,812	2,696	2,711	2,725	2,743	2,745
Bundaberg	2,600	2,695	2,724	2,843	2,748	2,602	2,617	2,610	2,625	2,637
FIVE TOWNS (b)	2,552	2,650	2,701	2,859	2,725	2,554	2,573	2,599	2,634	2,640
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	2,712	2,700	2,847	3,026	2,910	2,622	2,646	2,739	2,748	2,704
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	2,751	2,716	2,889	3,096	2,965	2,663	2,669	2,784	2,802	2,776
Port Pirie	2,789	2,749	2,916	3,112	3,039	2,702	2,699	2,808	2,825	2,817
Mount Gambier ..	2,736	2,760	2,946	3,133	3,042	2,656	2,684	2,827	2,856	2,823
Peterborough .. .	2,762	2,763	2,924	3,115	3,008	2,676	2,708	2,809	2,826	2,788
FIVE TOWNS (b)	2,717	2,704	2,853	3,034	2,919	2,627	2,649	2,745	2,755	2,713
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle ..	2,878	2,937	3,000	3,063	3,017	2,883	2,958	3,000	3,039	2,990
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	3,082	3,080	3,142	3,216	3,240	3,083	3,094	3,131	3,191	3,214
Northam	2,916	2,932	3,022	3,115	3,150	2,922	2,949	3,022	3,096	3,125
Bunbury	2,978	2,980	3,037	3,101	3,136	2,980	2,995	3,031	3,070	3,102
Geraldton	2,984	2,989	3,059	3,182	3,209	2,987	3,006	3,056	3,156	3,178
FIVE TOWNS (b)	2,898	2,949	3,012	3,079	3,043	2,902	2,969	3,012	3,054	3,016
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	3,052	3,076	3,102	3,203	3,188	2,992	2,993	3,033	3,038	3,035
Launceston	2,953	2,953	3,038	3,127	3,107	2,876	2,888	2,922	2,988	2,896
Burnie	2,967	3,005	3,071	3,245	3,199	2,888	2,911	2,951	2,989	2,989
Devonport	2,997	3,005	3,068	3,187	3,206	2,891	2,924	2,965	2,964	2,973
Queensdown	3,216	3,195	3,239	3,452	3,407	3,118	3,103	3,137	3,190	3,220
FIVE TOWNS (b)	3,022	3,036	3,085	3,189	3,172	2,952	2,958	2,996	2,994	2,994
THIRTY TOWNS (b)	2,895	2,930	3,054	3,242	3,115	2,835	2,856	2,924	2,967	2,958
SIX CAPITALS (b)	2,891	2,926	3,054	3,244	3,111	2,831	2,851	2,922	2,966	2,954
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (c) ..	3,117	3,166	3,255	3,521	3,431	3,042	3,059	3,110	3,233	3,251
Warwick (Q.) (c) .. .	2,619	2,693	2,765	2,901	2,778	2,611	2,619	2,651	2,667	2,669
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c)	2,766	2,768	2,921	3,124	3,078	2,682	2,718	2,813	2,849	2,842
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	2,842	2,833	2,993	3,170	3,086	2,752	2,767	2,883	2,901	2,876
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	3,159	3,208	3,324	3,538	3,452	3,095	3,114	3,187	3,250	3,272

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.
in weighted averages above.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Rent, (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Including Potatoes and Onions.				Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.(a)		
					1955.	1956.	Dec. Qtr. 1955.	Dec. Qtr. 1956.	1956.	Dec. Qtr. 1955.	Dec. Qtr. 1956.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,584	2,471	2,624	2,525	2,452	2,578
Newcastle	877	2,209	2,295	2,324	2,395	2,531	2,425	2,575	2,474	2,410	2,528
Broken Hill	940	2,344	2,411	2,421	2,453	2,576	2,487	2,641	2,516	2,458	2,567
Goulburn	893	2,232	2,302	2,327	2,422	2,587	2,472	2,638	2,520	2,449	2,570
Bathurst	860	2,219	2,364	2,382	2,441	2,560	2,474	2,611	2,498	2,453	2,551
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	911	2,262	2,362	2,378	2,435	2,579	2,468	2,620	2,521	2,449	2,574
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	896	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,567	2,436	2,603	2,492	2,401	2,519
Ballarat	850	2,147	2,265	2,272	2,340	2,529	2,408	2,572	2,462	2,378	2,501
Bendigo	854	2,139	2,261	2,266	2,339	2,540	2,406	2,587	2,473	2,373	2,515
Geelong	884	2,154	2,263	2,268	2,341	2,538	2,407	2,585	2,471	2,378	2,512
Warrnambool	892	2,205	2,323	2,345	2,407	2,592	2,472	2,644	2,526	2,437	2,564
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	893	2,168	2,283	2,286	2,363	2,564	2,433	2,601	2,490	2,399	2,518
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	852	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,316	2,223	2,335	2,272	2,225	2,305
Toowoomba	843	2,083	2,160	2,191	2,247	2,356	2,262	2,382	2,309	2,261	2,348
Rockhampton	853	2,091	2,166	2,206	2,253	2,346	2,263	2,370	2,303	2,259	2,341
Townsville	902	2,148	2,243	2,284	2,333	2,434	2,351	2,444	2,393	2,349	2,421
Bundaberg	831	2,056	2,118	2,157	2,202	2,293	2,216	2,317	2,248	2,217	2,279
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	854	2,072	2,145	2,181	2,225	2,328	2,237	2,347	2,284	2,238	2,317
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	888	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,466	2,386	2,497	2,408	2,354	2,424
Kadina, &c.	786	2,077	2,162	2,201	2,255	2,355	2,274	2,395	2,297	2,242	2,327
Port Pirie	868	2,135	2,210	2,251	2,309	2,408	2,336	2,460	2,348	2,305	2,380
Mount Gambier	849	2,145	2,226	2,267	2,314	2,428	2,332	2,471	2,364	2,304	2,391
Peterborough	868	2,129	2,199	2,255	2,330	2,428	2,347	2,456	2,366	2,316	2,376
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	883	2,155	2,241	2,274	2,348	2,460	2,379	2,492	2,401	2,347	2,418
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	882	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,655	2,573	2,690	2,653	2,576	2,681
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,048	2,262	2,361	2,426	2,493	2,593	2,519	2,616	2,559	2,520	2,606
Northam	900	2,186	2,315	2,417	2,508	2,584	2,516	2,644	2,582	2,519	2,635
Bunbury	914	2,195	2,314	2,447	2,569	2,664	2,589	2,720	2,660	2,590	2,709
Geraldton	957	2,293	2,421	2,577	2,702	2,825	2,771	2,885	2,822	2,774	2,874
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	897	2,180	2,303	2,458	2,552	2,651	2,573	2,688	2,648	2,575	2,679
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	887	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,663	2,511	2,712	2,622	2,488	2,650
Launceston	872	2,154	2,359	2,364	2,400	2,650	2,453	2,696	2,596	2,424	2,622
Burnie	865	2,120	2,309	2,316	2,373	2,583	2,439	2,665	2,523	2,411	2,591
Devonport	848	2,093	2,285	2,295	2,339	2,547	2,399	2,659	2,490	2,360	2,578
Queenstown	875	2,119	2,308	2,321	2,380	2,514	2,445	2,567	2,455	2,409	2,499
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	879	2,163	2,375	2,381	2,428	2,646	2,483	2,698	2,598	2,457	2,636
THIRTY TOWNS (b)	894	2,193	2,299	2,323	2,389	2,542	2,431	2,579	2,484	2,409	2,522
SIX CAPITALS (b) ..	897	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,547	2,435	2,583	2,489	2,413	2,526
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	800	2,063	2,140	2,178	2,218	2,312	2,229	2,332	2,264	2,227	2,293
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	2,141	2,204	2,235	2,300	2,413	2,324	2,473	2,353	2,294	2,387
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	(d)	2,166	2,274	2,313	2,367	2,472	2,382	2,556	2,413	2,350	2,482
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	966	2,247	2,328	2,353	2,472	2,600	2,552	2,714	2,598	2,531	2,650

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.
 weighted averages above.

(d) Not available.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included in

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Food and Groceries. (b)	Rent (4 and 5) Roomed Houses). (c)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Index. (b)		
Year—							
1914(d)	641	649	754	749	687		
1919(d)	1,026	768	1,238	1,036	1,022		
1924	969	988	1,003	1,004	987		
1925	998	1,008	991	992	997		
1926	1,023	1,026	986	998	1,011		
1927	1,000	1,030	975	1,008	1,002		
1928	985	1,066	997	1,010	1,009		
1929	1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033		
1930	941	1,047	951	999	975		
1931	826	901	853	973	873		
1932	796	817	804	958	830		
1933	751	804	787	950	804		
1934	783	810	785	944	817		
1935	806	839	783	946	832		
1936	825	879	792	947	850		
1937	851	912	811	960	873		
1938	886	942	829	961	897		
1939	927	965	841	962	920		
1940	939	973	956	998	957		
1941	947	976	1,118	1,060	1,008		
1942	1,031	976	1,308	1,112	1,091		
1943	1,037	975	1,440	1,160	1,131		
1944	1,026	976	1,435	1,165	1,126		
1945	1,034	975	1,425	1,161	1,126		
1946	1,036	976	1,505	1,167	1,145		
1947	1,100	977	1,566	1,199	1,188		
1948	1,256	979	1,744	1,257	1,295		
1949	1,394	982	1,997	1,338	1,415		
1950	1,566	987	2,286	1,435	1,560		
1951	2,041	1,009	2,749	1,679	1,883		
1952	2,526	1,057	3,096	1,958	2,196		
1953	2,641	1,138	3,223	2,053	2,302		
1954	2,671	1,192	3,218	2,062	2,326		
1955	2,811	1,226	3,237	2,081	2,393		
1956	A 2,923 B 3,084	1,325	3,261	2,236	A 2,489 B 2,547		
Quarter—							
1955—September	2,810	2,854	1,232	3,243	2,081	2,394	2,411
December	2,831	2,891	1,238	3,248	2,128	2,413	2,435
1956—March ..	2,851	2,926	1,310	3,243	2,137	2,437	2,465
June ..	2,922	3,054	1,320	3,248	2,212	2,480	2,528
September ..	2,966	3,244	1,330	3,260	2,273	2,511	2,612
December	2,954	3,111	1,339	3,292	2,320	2,526	2,583

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000.

(b) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.

(c) See note (b) on page 104.

(d) November.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.**

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PRICES.

Item.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread(b)	2 lb.	d. 14.80	d. 14.80	d. 15.30	d. 15.00	d. 15.00	d. 15.50	d. 17.50	d. 17.50	d. 18.50	d. 16.00	d. 16.00	d. 16.00	d. 16.00	d. 16.00	d. 16.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	14.56	14.56	14.69	13.25	13.50	14.00	11.80	11.80	11.80	14.00	14.00	14.25	13.25	13.25	13.00
" self-raising ..	"	20.85	20.35	20.35	21.50	21.64	21.64	18.90	18.90	18.90	22.30	22.30	22.50	21.80	21.80	21.80
Tea ..	lb.	80.40	79.70	80.10	82.00	82.00	82.00	81.50	81.50	81.50	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.00	80.40	80.40
Sugar ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.96	10.96	10.96	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.75	10.75	10.75
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.63	12.63	12.63	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.60	12.60	12.60
Tapioca, seed ..	"	22.72	24.70	25.50	25.40	24.80	26.20	15.00	15.00	15.00	20.75	23.00	23.00	23.13	24.00	27.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	32.85	34.86	34.38	32.64	34.08	34.33	29.30	29.30	29.30	33.50	34.10	34.10	33.30	34.20	34.60
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.65	20.65	20.65	22.71	22.79	22.79	23.40	23.60	23.40	23.70	23.80	23.80	22.80	22.80	22.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.17	10.10	10.20	10.73	10.66	10.77	10.01	9.94	10.04	11.25	12.00	12.00	11.13	11.13	11.13
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.30	31.00	31.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	29.60	29.60	29.60	32.20	33.00	32.33	32.00	32.00	32.00
Currants ..	"	25.38	25.75	25.75	24.70	24.70	25.38	23.63	23.63	23.63	25.75	25.75	25.75	24.67	25.00	25.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	64.13	65.50	65.25	57.00	57.00	57.00	57.25	57.25	57.25	61.50	60.00	60.00	63.00	63.00	63.00
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	40.90	40.90	40.90	41.36	41.29	41.00	41.10	41.10	41.10	43.00	43.00	43.00	42.60	42.60	42.60
Pears, canned ..	"	43.55	43.55	43.55	43.57	43.71	43.71	41.50	41.50	41.50	45.80	45.80	45.60	44.40	44.30	44.60
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	135.00	64.35	42.85	162.17	64.00	43.75	161.40	96.00	53.10	145.25	87.50	58.10	147.00	72.80	52.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	15.60	10.80	9.00	16.50	11.42	7.25	21.75	15.80	10.40	18.75	16.20	11.20	20.00	15.50	10.13
Soap ..	"	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.42	18.47	18.51	20.20	20.20	20.20	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.40	19.13	19.20
Kerosene ..	quart	8.67	8.67	8.67	8.80	8.85	8.70	10.18	10.18	10.18	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.23	10.23	10.23
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.35	54.15	54.15	55.00	54.57	54.57	56.90	56.90	56.90	55.50	55.50	55.50	54.80	54.30	54.30
Cheese, mild ..	"	39.00	39.00	39.88	38.88	38.88	38.88	43.67	43.67	43.67	33.83	39.17	39.17	38.75	39.00	38.75
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	66.00	66.00	72.00	66.00	66.00	72.00	56.00	55.20	56.00	66.00	66.00	72.00	66.00	66.00	72.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	88.17	88.17	88.63	85.33	86.10	86.10	81.50	81.50	81.50	85.25	85.25	85.25	83.00	84.25	83.75
Milk, condensed ..	tin	24.30	23.60	23.60	24.50	24.50	24.50	26.30	26.30	26.20	25.70	25.70	25.70	25.60	25.20	25.20
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	"	"	"	"	"	"	19.00	19.00	22.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	"	"	"
" (b) in ..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
" bottles ..	"	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	"	"	"	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Meat—																
		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	45.53			47.33			44.14			45.40			45.75		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	35.40			36.85			32.57			35.60			36.75		
" steak, rump ..	"	59.20			58.71			57.43			60.60			58.50		
" chuck ..	"	30.07			31.85			34.04			32.00			31.50		
" sausages ..	"	23.13			24.86			22.29			23.00			23.50		
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	35.53			39.14			39.57			37.20			37.50		
" " brisket ..	"	25.13			25.19			32.43			29.80			30.25		
Mutton, leg ..	"	26.50			28.86			29.14			26.67			28.50		
" forequarter ..	"	18.15			16.81			19.00			10.67			18.00		
" loin ..	"	27.81			26.86			34.57			23.00			30.50		
" chops, loin ..	"	28.07			27.09			36.29			23.00			30.50		
" " leg ..	"	30.00			28.38			35.43			23.00			30.50		
Pork, leg ..	"	63.26			64.29			59.14			54.00			56.00		
" loin ..	"	62.27			63.52			59.14			53.25			56.67		
" chops ..	"	62.33			63.24			59.14			54.75			58.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Delivered.

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.**

Item.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	11.30	11.30	11.45	12.10	12.10	12.10	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.80	11.80	12.00
" self-raising ..	"	19.40	19.45	19.95	20.50	20.50	20.90	20.58	20.58	20.83	20.00	20.00	20.38	21.70	21.70	21.80
Tea ..	lb.	81.10	81.10	81.10	82.90	82.90	82.90	82.50	82.50	82.50	81.63	81.63	81.63	83.88	83.80	83.80
Sugar ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.47	10.47	10.47	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.13	10.13	10.13	10.83	10.83	10.83
Rice ..	"	11.75	11.75	11.75	12.50	12.50	12.60	12.58	12.58	12.58	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.70	13.70	13.70
Tapioca, seed ..	"	20.56	21.86	24.29	20.88	24.50	25.13	21.90	25.80	26.50	18.86	20.05	22.28	21.25	21.25	22.33
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	27.00	27.00	27.35	27.60	27.60	28.00	26.90	27.08	27.42	27.63	27.63	27.63	28.30	28.30	28.50
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.40	22.40	22.50	22.58	22.33	22.33	21.50	21.50	21.50	24.00	24.00	23.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.13	9.13	9.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.13	9.88	9.88	9.25	9.25	9.25	10.90	10.50	10.50
Raisins, seeded ..	"	28.31	28.31	28.29	28.20	28.00	29.00	29.00	29.20	29.20	28.75	28.75	29.00	30.10	30.10	30.10
Currants ..	"	23.63	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.70	23.75	23.75	23.75	25.00	25.00	26.00	25.50	25.50	25.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	57.71	57.71	57.71	57.33	57.33	57.33	58.33	59.00	59.00	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.30	58.30	58.38
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	35.80	35.80	35.75	35.80	35.80	35.80	36.40	36.33	36.33	35.00	35.00	35.00	38.20	38.20	38.20
Pears, canned ..	"	37.40	37.40	37.50	37.90	37.90	37.90	37.58	37.58	37.58	36.38	36.38	36.50	40.50	40.50	40.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	154.46	107.64	35.14	138.60	86.80	34.30	145.83	88.67	40.83	137.38	99.75	31.88	140.00	98.00	36.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	17.75	17.00	11.50	18.00	18.00	11.40	22.83	16.00	11.33	18.75	16.50	9.88	19.25	18.00	13.40
Soap ..	"	18.11	18.26	18.26	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.68	18.68	18.68	17.97	17.97	17.97	19.29	19.29	19.29
Kerosene ..	quart	8.63	8.63	8.63	9.50	9.65	9.65	9.85	9.85	9.85	8.76	8.76	8.76	10.05	10.05	10.05
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.60	54.60	54.60	55.50	55.50	55.50	53.50	53.50	53.50	54.88	54.88	54.88	55.50	55.50	55.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	39.50	39.50	39.50	41.83	41.83	42.00	41.67	41.67	41.67	39.33	39.33	39.33	40.17	40.17	40.17
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	64.80	64.80	64.80	65.00	65.00	65.00	64.50	65.33	65.33	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	86.33	86.33	86.83	84.40	84.40	84.40	85.00	83.00	83.00	82.50	83.00	83.00	83.80	84.40	84.40
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.85	22.85	22.85	24.00	24.00	24.60	23.83	23.67	23.83	23.13	23.63	23.50	24.70	25.00	25.00
" fresh ^(b) loose ..	quart	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
" (b) in ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
" bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	41.80			41.20			41.00			39.00			42.40		
" rib (without ..	"	41.27			39.00			41.76			41.50			42.75		
bone) ..	"	60.10			59.17			57.33			58.80			58.80		
" steak, rump ..	"	34.83			36.00			34.62			33.93			36.00		
" chuck ..	"	24.79			25.00			23.86			23.20			24.20		
" sausages ..	"	..			..			..			..			..
Beef (corned) silver- ..	"	40.93			41.67			40.43			42.93			41.40		
side ..	"	28.83			32.83			32.57			32.13			30.40		
" brisket ..	"	28.09			31.67			29.87			29.93			36.80		
Mutton, leg ..	"	18.61			17.83			17.93			16.93			24.60		
" forequarter ..	"	27.10			29.33			28.87			29.47			34.00		
" loin ..	"	27.76			31.67			30.40			31.07			36.00		
" chops, loin ..	"	29.90			32.17			29.67			30.67			37.50		
" " leg ..	"	64.96			60.00			56.80			64.13			59.00		
Pork, leg ..	"	66.52			61.00			62.47			64.73			60.00		
" loin ..	"	66.60			62.50			62.60			65.33			61.50		
" chops ..	"	..			..			..			..			..

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1956**

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Item.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE			BUNDABERG.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ^(b)	2 lb.	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Flour, ordinary	..	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.29	9.29	9.50	11.29	11.43	11.57	12.10	12.10	12.10	10.10	10.10	10.10
" self-raising	..	17.55	17.55	17.95	19.14	19.14	19.14	20.43	20.43	20.43	20.80	21.00	21.00	20.10	20.20	20.50
Tea	..	77.80	77.80	77.80	77.71	77.71	77.71	79.14	79.14	79.14	80.70	80.70	80.70	79.60	79.60	79.70
Sugar	..	9.97	9.97	9.97	10.37	10.37	10.37	10.29	10.29	10.29	11.40	11.40	11.50	9.97	9.97	9.97
Rice	..	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.67	12.67	12.67	12.79	12.79	12.79	12.80	12.80	12.90	13.00	13.00	13.00
Taploca, seed	..	16.00	16.00	16.00	13.17	13.17	13.17	14.43	14.70	16.75	14.10	15.75	15.75	14.67	17.00	22.00
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	28.15	28.50	28.50	28.71	28.93	28.43	27.71	28.29	29.14	29.80	29.40	29.50	29.60	29.60	29.60
Golden Syrup	2 lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.86	20.86	20.86	22.14	22.21	22.21	24.30	24.30	24.30	19.30	19.30	19.30
Oats, flaked	..	10.88	10.88	10.88	11.67	11.67	11.67	11.88	11.88	11.88	10.37	10.37	10.37	11.50	11.50	11.50
Raisins, seeded	..	26.30	26.30	26.30	27.36	27.36	27.36	26.92	26.83	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	29.50	29.50	29.50
Currants	..	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.25	23.25	23.25	25.25	25.25	25.33	26.13	26.38	26.38	23.67	23.67	24.00
Apricots, dried	..	58.88	58.88	58.88	55.00	55.00	55.00	54.80	54.80	54.80	56.25	54.00	54.00	56.00	56.00	56.00
Peaches, canned	29 oz.	38.55	38.60	38.65	38.79	39.00	39.07	40.07	40.21	40.57	40.30	40.10	40.00	39.90	40.30	40.30
Pears, canned	..	40.30	40.30	40.30	39.64	39.93	40.14	40.43	40.64	41.50	40.10	40.10	40.00	41.50	41.60	41.60
Potatoes	7 lb.	138.15	51.80	37.10	137.36	47.36	30.50	122.50	58.00	42.43	109.00	61.90	43.40	131.00	75.00	42.60
Onions, brown	..	13.65	9.25	7.65	12.71	9.71	6.29	15.93	13.36	8.86	15.00	11.10	8.80	15.60	11.60	9.00
Soap	..	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.29	18.29	18.29	17.90	17.90	17.90	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.13	18.13	18.13
Kerosene	quart	8.37	8.37	8.37	9.25	9.33	9.25	10.44	10.44	10.44	9.27	9.27	9.27	10.75	10.78	10.78
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	..	54.10	54.10	54.10	53.50	53.50	53.50	53.57	53.57	53.57	55.30	55.30	55.30	54.10	54.10	54.10
Cheese, mild	..	35.00	35.00	35.00	34.83	34.83	34.83	37.14	37.43	37.43	40.50	39.70	39.70	36.60	36.60	36.60
Eggs, new laid	..	57.78	58.20	58.20	30.00	34.20	38.50	54.14	55.43	59.71	63.60	66.00	67.00	47.80	51.20	58.00
Bacon, rashers	..	77.56	77.81	78.06	72.08	72.92	73.25	74.10	74.38	74.38	71.67	71.67	71.50	74.50	74.70	74.90
Milk, condensed	..	24.20	24.05	24.05	23.93	23.93	24.14	24.79	24.64	24.64	24.20	24.20	24.30	24.70	24.70	24.70
" fresh ^(b) loose	quart	15.00	15.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	16.00
" " " in bottles	..	16.00	16.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	17.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	..	Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
" rib (without bone)	..	31.89			35.52			29.00			30.00			30.80		
" steak, rump	..	26.34			29.64			23.00			24.00			24.00		
" chuck	..	39.49			42.76			36.00			36.00			39.00		
" sausages	..	19.79			22.76			19.00			19.00			19.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side	..	18.80			20.00			18.00			19.00			18.00		
" brisket	..	28.49			32.76			26.00			26.00			28.00		
Mutton, leg	..	20.76			23.76			19.81			19.07			20.00		
" forequarter	..	22.64			28.24			24.00			26.00			25.00		
" loin	..	13.29			16.24			14.00			16.40			16.00		
" chops, loin	..	20.81			24.81			19.00			22.33			21.60		
" leg	..	22.64			28.24			23.00			25.00			24.00		
Pork, leg	..	22.64			27.24			22.14			25.20			24.07		
" loin	..	55.38			52.29			49.81			51.80			44.40		
" chops	..	54.08			52.29			49.67			49.17			42.60		
" chops	..	54.07			52.29			49.67			47.73			45.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

Prices.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.

Item.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PHILL.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	(c)14.00	(c)14.00	(c)14.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.64	9.64	9.64	9.86	9.86	9.83	9.63	9.63	9.63	10.38	10.38	10.38
" self-raising ..	"	15.85	15.95	16.05	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.86	17.86	17.86	16.90	16.90	16.90	18.38	18.38	18.38
Tea ..	lb.	78.00	78.00	78.00	78.57	78.57	78.57	78.93	78.93	78.93	79.60	79.60	79.60	79.00	79.00	79.00
Sugar ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.46	10.46	10.46	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.14	13.14	13.00	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tapioca, seed ..	"	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.07	13.07	13.07	13.71	13.83	13.83	13.70	13.70	13.70	13.75	13.75	13.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	29.00	29.00	29.00	30.14	30.14	30.14	29.71	29.71	29.71	30.80	31.00	31.00	30.63	30.63	30.63
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.10	20.05	20.05	21.43	21.43	21.43	21.57	21.57	21.57	22.30	22.30	22.30	22.00	22.00	22.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.42	9.42	9.42	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.83	9.83	9.83	10.28	10.28	10.28
Raisins, seeded ..	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.43	29.43	29.43	29.57	29.57	29.86	30.00	30.00	30.00	29.63	29.63	29.63
Currants ..	"	24.60	24.60	24.60	25.08	25.08	25.08	25.30	25.30	25.30	26.00	26.00	26.00	25.50	25.50	25.63
Apricots, dried ..	"	58.50	58.50	58.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	60.38	60.38	60.38	58.00	59.50	59.50
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	40.40	40.40	40.40	41.79	41.79	41.79	41.71	41.71	41.71	40.20	40.20	40.20	42.13	42.13	42.13
Pears, canned ..	"	40.80	40.80	40.80	41.79	41.79	41.79	41.86	41.86	41.86	40.60	40.80	40.80	42.13	42.13	42.13
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	146.00	83.13	36.17	151.67	79.33	43.00	159.14	90.00	41.50	143.50	94.50	36.75	155.72	91.00	42.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	21.75	19.00	8.40	22.00	19.22	8.50	24.20	18.33	11.90	20.47	17.88	7.90	23.50	19.50	10.50
Soap ..	"	18.33	18.33	18.33	19.05	19.05	19.05	18.52	18.52	18.52	18.80	18.80	18.80	19.25	19.25	19.25
Kerosene ..	quart	7.75	8.23	8.24	8.29	8.57	8.63	8.75	8.81	9.11	8.79	8.94	9.00	8.78	9.19	9.19
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.50	54.50	54.50	55.43	55.43	55.43	55.50	55.50	55.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	35.11	35.11	35.11	35.92	35.93	35.93	36.00	36.00	36.00	34.67	34.67	34.67	36.25	36.25	36.25
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	47.65	47.70	49.70	37.17	37.00	37.17	39.00	38.40	38.40	36.20	37.00	39.20	37.50	37.75	38.50
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	74.00	75.00	75.00	75.86	76.00	76.00	77.00	76.25	76.25	75.70	75.70	75.70	76.00	76.00	76.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.85	23.85	23.85	24.57	24.64	24.64	24.79	24.79	24.79	24.30	24.60	24.60	25.00	25.00	25.00
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	16.50	16.50	16.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
" (b) in ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	..	..	..
" bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	..	..	..
		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	30.43			29.81			31.78			33.87			31.89		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	33.17			33.38			35.45			37.87			34.89		
" steak, rump ..	"	50.67			50.00			51.62			53.40			51.66		
" chuck ..	"	28.77			28.86			30.76			30.73			29.78		
" sausages ..	"	17.33			17.38			18.86			18.33			18.44		
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	35.23			35.14			36.86			37.87			36.89		
" brisket ..	"	28.93			28.52			29.81			29.40			29.11		
Mutton, leg ..	"	25.23			23.43			24.76			26.73			24.33		
" forequarter ..	"	14.25			13.57			14.33			15.60			13.22		
" loin ..	"	23.80			23.43			24.67			27.53			24.00		
" chops, loin ..	"	24.60			24.00			25.71			28.00			24.67		
" leg ..	"	25.20			24.00			25.62			28.20			25.00		
Pork, leg ..	"	59.00			52.19			58.11			56.73			52.00		
" loin ..	"	59.00			52.47			57.73			57.33			50.00		
" chops ..	"	59.00			53.00			58.61			58.73			53.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

(c) Not delivered.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS
SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.**

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Item.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	15.50	15.50	15.50	(c)15.00	(c)15.00	(c)15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	13.00	16.00	16.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	13.80	13.80	13.80	15.67	15.67	15.67	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.90	13.90	13.90	13.80	13.80	13.80
" self-raising ..	"	19.50	19.50	19.50	22.90	22.92	23.00	20.88	20.88	20.88	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.80	21.80	21.80
Tea ..	lb.	82.30	82.30	82.30	87.08	87.08	87.08	83.25	83.25	83.25	85.20	85.20	85.20	84.60	84.60	84.60
Sugar ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.35	11.35	11.35	10.54	10.54	10.54	10.73	10.72	10.72	10.73	10.73	10.73
Rice ..	"	11.75	11.95	12.05	14.00	14.00	14.00	11.88	11.88	11.88	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.25	13.25	13.25
Tapioca, seed ..	"	23.17	26.75	26.75	28.33	30.50	30.50	22.25	22.25	22.25	21.70	21.70	21.70	19.13	19.13	19.13
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	34.40	34.45	34.45	36.58	36.58	36.58	34.63	34.63	34.63	34.38	34.38	34.50	37.20	37.20	37.40
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	21.50	21.50	21.60	25.33	25.33	25.33	23.00	23.25	23.38	23.30	23.30	23.30	25.00	25.00	25.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.29	9.50	9.79	12.50	12.25	12.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	11.17	11.17	11.17	12.33	12.33	12.33
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.08	30.10	30.70	33.10	33.30	33.30	30.67	30.67	30.67	33.00	33.00	33.00	31.67	31.67	31.67
Currants ..	"	24.50	24.55	24.55	27.17	27.17	27.17	23.67	23.67	23.33	25.10	25.10	25.10	26.70	26.70	26.70
Apricots, dried ..	"	61.00	61.50	61.50	62.50	62.50	62.50	61.00	61.00	61.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	63.00	62.00	62.00
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	42.00	42.00	42.50	49.50	49.50	49.67	41.63	42.38	42.75	44.50	45.10	46.20	45.60	45.60	45.60
Pears, canned ..	"	42.45	42.45	42.65	49.67	49.67	49.67	42.13	42.13	42.25	45.10	45.70	46.20	46.30	46.30	46.30
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	43.13	44.00	44.00	40.50	47.08	47.08	45.67	45.25	46.25	36.80	44.00	44.20	44.60	46.00	46.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	13.40	10.43	10.00	13.71	10.67	9.67	16.70	13.00	11.33	26.00	13.00	9.75	18.50	14.40	12.80
Soap ..	"	19.26	19.26	19.26	20.67	20.67	20.67	19.92	19.92	19.92	19.66	19.66	19.66	19.47	19.47	19.47
Kerosene ..	quart	13.40	13.47	13.48	16.20	16.35	16.35	14.83	14.83	14.83	15.21	15.21	15.21	16.09	16.09	16.09
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.70	54.70	54.70	58.00	58.00	58.00	54.75	54.75	54.75	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	44.67	44.67	44.67	47.00	47.20	47.20	43.75	43.75	43.75	44.80	44.80	44.80	46.60	46.60	46.60
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	58.67	58.80	58.80	56.67	57.50	62.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.40	62.00	62.00	62.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	81.43	81.43	81.43	82.42	82.92	82.92	83.00	83.00	83.00	81.83	81.83	81.83	81.90	81.90	81.90
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.55	22.45	22.70	26.00	25.58	25.58	23.50	22.88	23.13	24.60	24.60	24.60	25.20	25.20	25.20
" fresh ^(b) loose ..	quart	"	"	"	24.00	24.00	24.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
" ^(b) in bottles ..	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	40.26			36.57			40.67			41.60			43.33		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	40.44			39.90			42.00			41.60			42.00		
" steak, rump ..	"	56.03			54.38			57.00			56.40			51.00		
" chuck ..	"	34.77			35.71			38.67			38.00			38.00		
" sausages ..	"	22.78			26.57			25.67			27.00			24.00		
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	39.10			36.57			40.00			39.60			42.00		
" brisket ..	"	29.13			30.00			32.67			32.00			35.00		
Mutton, leg ..	"	26.93			31.52			30.89			33.60			31.00		
" forequarter ..	"	16.60			20.38			19.33			20.00			20.00		
" loin ..	"	26.85			29.29			29.67			28.40			27.33		
" chops, loin ..	"	26.93			29.81			30.00			30.00			28.00		
" leg ..	"	27.07			29.81			30.67			30.00			29.67		
Pork, leg ..	"	59.55			60.00			57.00			54.00			61.00		
" loin ..	"	59.98			60.00			54.00			56.00			61.00		
" chops ..	"	60.25			60.00			55.00			56.00			61.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

(c) Not delivered.

PRICES.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.**

Item.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.60	12.60	12.60	13.00	13.00	13.00
" self-raising ..	"	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.79	20.43	20.43	22.20	22.20	22.30	21.80	21.80	21.80	21.50	21.50	21.50
Tea ..	lb.	86.45	86.45	86.40	86.43	86.43	86.43	86.50	86.50	86.50	86.50	86.50	86.50	87.00	87.00	87.00
Sugar ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.75	10.75	10.75
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50
Taploca, seed ..	"	21.22	22.11	22.86	22.00	21.80	21.80	21.10	24.75	27.00	20.25	21.17	23.00	23.33	24.00	24.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	33.45	33.60	33.70	33.14	33.43	33.57	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.10	34.10	34.10	35.17	35.00	35.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	22.95	22.95	22.95	22.71	22.71	22.71	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.20	23.20	23.20	24.00	24.00	24.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.20	11.40	11.40	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.88	11.88	11.88
Raisins, seeded ..	"	29.90	29.90	30.15	30.14	30.14	30.14	31.10	31.10	31.10	30.40	30.40	30.50	32.83	32.83	32.83
Currants ..	"	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	60.80	60.80	60.80	60.50	60.50	60.50	61.00	62.00	62.00	60.50	60.50	60.50	59.38	59.38	59.38
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	43.30	43.40	43.20	43.79	43.93	43.93	43.00	43.40	43.40	42.20	43.10	43.10	44.50	44.25	44.33
Pears, canned ..	"	46.05	46.05	46.45	45.29	44.93	45.29	45.90	47.50	47.60	44.80	45.70	45.70	51.00	50.33	50.33
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	109.00	102.81	51.33	117.83	107.33	43.00	124.60	90.20	53.60	122.50	117.60	42.00	114.75	96.00	51.25
Onions, brown ..	lb.	22.00	20.00	13.13	24.25	22.60	14.80	26.25	20.25	15.75	25.00	23.00	18.75	24.00	21.00	15.00
Soap ..	"	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.67	18.67	18.67
Kerosene ..	quart	13.89	14.04	14.04	13.42	13.42	13.47	14.51	14.50	14.50	13.95	13.95	13.95	12.75	12.75	12.75
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	56.25	56.25	56.25	53.64	53.64	53.79	56.50	56.50	56.50	56.10	56.10	56.10	55.50	55.50	55.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	40.11	40.11	40.11	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.23	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67	40.55	40.55	40.55
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	54.50	54.44	66.44	54.36	54.21	66.29	54.70	54.70	66.70	54.75	54.50	66.50	56.17	56.17	68.17
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	77.50	77.50	77.50	75.86	75.86	75.86	81.00	81.00	81.00	77.60	77.80	77.80	79.00	79.00	79.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	24.40	24.45	24.45	24.43	24.43	24.43	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.70	24.70	24.70	25.00	25.00	25.00
" fresh ^(b) loose ..	quart	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	..	..	..
" (b) in ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	27.00	27.00	27.00
" bottles ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	27.00	27.00	27.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	40.50			38.57			40.75			39.00			42.00		
" rib (without ..	"	39.90			37.19			40.00			38.20			42.67		
" bone) ..	"	58.40			55.62			53.00			52.80			58.00		
" steak, rump ..	"	32.60			33.00			33.50			34.20			38.00		
" chuck ..	"	24.73			22.80			23.50			25.50			23.89		
" sausages ..	"	..			..			..			..			..
" (corned) silver- ..	"	41.00			37.90			40.75			39.60			42.00		
" side ..	"	29.50			26.52			30.75			31.20			35.00		
" brisket ..	"	29.75			28.27			30.00			28.31			31.50		
Mutton, leg ..	"	18.92			15.07			16.00			15.64			24.00		
" forequarter ..	"	22.88			20.78			24.00			25.21			28.50		
" loin ..	"	23.09			22.07			24.00			26.07			28.50		
" chops, loin ..	"	28.63			24.73			27.00			28.26			28.50		
" leg ..	"	61.80			53.14			49.75			50.40			57.67		
Pork, leg ..	"	61.60			53.14			49.75			50.60			57.67		
" loin ..	"	61.60			54.71			49.75			51.00			57.67		
" chops ..	"	..			..			..			..			..

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (b)	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced. (b)	Total All Groups. (b)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1939-40 ..	105	115	104	107	116	108	109	99	111	101	104
1940-41 ..	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941-42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	116	153	112	124
1942-43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	126	176	120	136
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	130	182	122	140
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	132	182	124	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	136	178	127	142
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	139	177	130	144
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	154	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	174	201	172	180
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	196	223	196	204
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	202	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	293	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	323	415	345	325	292	352	334
1954-55—											
October ..	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	311	269	338	317
November ..	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	312	277	336	319
December ..	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	311	277	336	319
January ..	394	215	501	315	237	365	329	310	279	336	319
February ..	395	215	505	315	257	373	332	315	281	340	323
March ..	396	214	507	315	264	381	334	319	282	345	326
April ..	397	214	496	315	271	387	335	316	283	342	324
May ..	396	214	497	315	294	389	337	319	283	345	327
June ..	396	214	485	315	306	398	338	323	287	348	330
1955-56—											
July ..	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	329	281	355	333
August ..	397	215	452	315	323	398	337	328	282	353	332
September ..	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	327	290	351	333
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	324	289	350	332
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	320	291	346	330
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	319	291	346	329
January ..	405	216	453	317	330	407	343	320	288	348	330
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	346	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	328	299	354	338
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	328	303	355	339
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	333	304	361	344
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	328	299	358	341
1956-57—											
July ..	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	330	301	360	343
August ..	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	329	303	361	344
September ..	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	329	309	363	347
October ..	410	241	(c) 503	344	306	467	(c) 367	325	310	(c) 359	(c) 344
November ..	413	241	(c) 522	344	306	467	(c) 369	319	314	(c) 354	(c) 342
December ..	412	241	(c) 528	344	307	467	(c) 369	321	315	(c) 355	(c) 343

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in price of all imports. (b) Reconstructed to exclude potatoes and onions as from base period. (c) Preliminary.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary indexes for 1955-56 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1945-46	174	133	159	157	118	169
1946-47	194	182	157	185	187	185
1947-48	267	263	183	247	301	230
1948-49	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56(a)	322	442	385	388	468	362

(a) Preliminary estimate.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity. (Average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.)

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.63 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison the combined effect of price movements in these other components is shown separately in the column "All Groups excluding Wool".

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.		
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Wool.	Total All Groups.
Percentage Distribu- tion of Base Aggregate	45.63 49.05 ..	17.06 18.34 31.38	11.36 12.21 20.89	6.83 7.34 12.55	6.63 7.13 12.20	2.40 2.58 4.42	1.81 1.94 3.32	0.64 0.69 1.18	0.66 0.72 1.22	6.98 .. 12.84	.. 100.00 ..	.. 100.00 ..	100.00
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	108	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	105	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	87	83
1948-49 ..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	305	332
1949-50 ..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	308	383
1950-51 ..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	365	654
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	397	473
1952-53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	371	483
1953-54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	356	474
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	342	431
1955-56 ..	464	324	320	562	355	451	286	353	238	178	414	342	397
1954-55—													
January ..	520	360	313	516	367	430	266	350	200	178	444	345	425
February ..	528	356	313	522	346	430	267	350	200	178	446	342	427
March ..	528	356	313	523	329	430	270	350	212	178	446	341	426
April ..	520	354	313	525	324	434	271	350	223	178	441	340	422
May ..	520	354	313	520	332	434	268	345	216	178	441	340	422
June ..	505	355	313	528	343	434	279	342	212	178	435	343	417
1955-56—													
July ..	(i) 505	352	313	538	350	468	266	342	225	178	437	347	419
August ..	463	351	313	538	365	468	266	341	234	178	411	347	395
September ..	437	334	313	545	398	468	278	344	235	178	404	347	388
October ..	437	329	337	543	408	454	282	351	238	178	406	351	390
November ..	437	323	364	549	383	454	284	366	227	178	407	352	391
December ..	453	315	368	575	364	454	283	365	232	178	414	352	398
January ..	460	313	361	590	348	441	285	356	239	178	416	349	400
February ..	460	311	323	592	331	441	288	364	240	178	411	340	395
March ..	453	312	304	592	322	441	292	364	247	178	404	334	388
April ..	468	310	273	579	317	441	293	354	248	178	406	325	390
May ..	498	316	265	556	324	441	302	344	241	178	420	324	403
June ..	(i) 505	317	299	548	335	441	317	347	252	178	428	332	411
1956-57—													
July ..	490	323	272	549	353	438	320	355	250	178	419	329	403
August ..	520	326	261	558	347	438	322	352	244	178	434	330	417
September ..	566	326	284	562	353	438	323	360	243	178	460	336	441
October ..	(j) 551	330	260	559	361	444	323	354	245	178	(j) 451	333	(j) 432
November ..	(j) 581	328	252	569	357	444	316	352	247	178	(j) 465	331	(j) 445
December ..	(j) 588	329	242	566	(j) 360	444	315	361	237	178	(j) 467	(j) 329	(j) 447

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, lemons, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets such price has been used in the index. (f) For All Groups (Total)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—applicable from 1936-37. (i) Nominal. (j) Preliminary.

NOTE.—The index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*. In computing this index, the "quantity-multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
DEMOGRAPHY(a)—								
Population(b) { '000 Males ..	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,799	3,333	3,599	4,311	4,715
'000 Females ..	1,504	1,820	2,192	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,217	4,598
'000 Persons ..	3,241	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553	7,144	8,528	9,313
Net Oversea Migration '000	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	-10.1	5.2	111.4	97.3
Marriages .. Rate(c)	24	28	39	47	39	75	77	72
Divorces(d) and Judicial Separations ..	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	7.8
Births .. '000	190	399	522	1,502	1,955	3,380	7,327	6,782
Rate(e)	110	103	122	136	119	135	193	208
Deaths .. '000	34.5	27.2	27.2	25.0	18.2	18.9	22.9	22.6
Rate(e)	47	46	48	54	67	71	82	82
Infant Deaths .. '000	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7	8.9
Rate(e)	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.6
	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2	22.0
WAGES (ADULT MALES)(a)—								
Nominal Weekly Wage Index Numbers	(f)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	5,773
Real Wage Index Numbers(g) ..	(f)	(f)	1,000	1,087	1,210	1,194	1,439	1,454
PRODUCTION—								
Agricultural(h)—								
Wheat .. Area mill. acs.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	12.0	10.4	10.2
Yield mill. bus.	26	39	72	129	167	167	160	195
Av. Yield bus.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	13.9	15.4	19.2
Oats .. Area '000 acs.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,365	3,354
Yield mill. bus.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	34.5	56.5
Av. Yield bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	15.3	14.6	16.8
Barley .. Area '000 acs.	63	75	116	299	342	784	1,118	1,894
Yield mill. bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	6.1	6.3	18.0	21.9	41.6
Av. Yield bus.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	19.6	22.0
Maize .. Area '000 acs.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170	168
Yield mill. bus.	9.3	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	4.8
Av. Yield bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	23.7	23.4
Hay .. Area '000 acs.	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,549	2,241
Yield '000 tons	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,002	3,167	3,575	2,345	3,626
Av. Yield tons	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.51	1.62
Potatoes .. Area '000 acs.	113	110	130	149	145	99	118	94
Yield '000 tons	380	323	301	388	397	333	509	402
Av. Yield tons	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.36	4.31	4.28
Sugar-cane(i) .. Area '000 acs.	45	87	101	128	242	255	282	372
Yield '000 tons	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	5,327	8,901
Av. Yield tons	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.9	23.9
Vineyards .. Area '000 acs.	49	64	61	92	113	130	136	135
Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	16.0	35.3	(n)
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.7	22.5
Pastoral, Dairying, etc.—								
Livestock(j) { Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.8
Cattle ..	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.3	13.6	14.9	16.5
Sheep ..	106	72	97	86	111	125	118	139
Pigs ..	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.2
Wool(k) .. mill. lb.	(a) 634	(a) 539	(a) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,080	1,411
Butter .. '000 tons	(a) 19	(a) 46	(a) 95	(a) 119	175	168	135	209
Cheese ..	(a) 4.5	(a) 5.3	(a) 7.1	(a) 14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6	38.7
Meat(l)—								
Beef and Veal ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	{ 339	350	534	582	(m) 750
Mutton and Lamb ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	{ 218	307	372	282	(m) 376
Pork ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	{ 11.1	22.7	58.1	35.0	(m) 42.8
Bacon and Ham ..	(a) 7.5	(a) 15.2	(a) 23.8	26.2	31.8	42.5	36.6	(m) 37.3
Total Meat ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	608	727	1,027	949	(m) 1,219

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decrees made absolute, including decrees for nullity of marriage. (e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (h) Season ending in year shown. (i) Came out for crushing. (j) As at 31st December of previous year for years to 1942, as at 31st March thereafter. (k) In terms of greasy. (l) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat, cured weight, bacon and ham. (m) Subject to revision. (n) Not yet available.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 118.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
PRODUCTION—continued.								
Mineral(a)(b)—								
Copper(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	13.5	20.9	17.9	45.5
Gold(e) .. '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	896	1,040
Lead(e) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	150.8	289.4	212.0	295.9
Zinc(e) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	66.1	232.6	189.2	256.6
Black Coal .. mill. tons.	4.4	6.9	10.6	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.6	19.3
Brown Coal .. " "	..	..	(e)	0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8	10.1
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber mill. sup. ft.	(d)	(a) 452	(a) 605	590	237	914	1,393	1,454
Factories—								
Number of factories '000								
Persons employed ..	(f)	(f)	{ 14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0	45.8	(g)
Salaries and wages paid £m.			{ 312	379	337	725	978	(g)
Net value of production—			{ 28	68	56	180	612	(g)
Chemicals, etc. .. £m.			{ 1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8	63.7	(g)
Industrial metals, etc. ..			{ 12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9	413.1	(g)
Textiles, etc. ..			{ 7.5	19.2	6.9	21.0	56.6	(g)
Clothing ..	(d)	(d)	{ 11.1	23.6	11.1	23.6	81.1	(g)
Food, etc. ..			{ 11.8	27.2	28.7	53.2	141.1	(g)
Paper, etc. ..			{ 4.2	9.0	9.6	17.1	68.2	(g)
All groups ..	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	(g)
Value of plant & machinery, ..			{ 31.4	78.1	121.5	169.2	412.5	(g)
Value of land and buildings ..	(d)	(d)	{ 32.5	67.3	106.6	156.3	360.2	(g)
Net Value of production(h)—								
Agriculture .. £m.	17.0	23.8	33.8	81.9	49.7	64.0	246.7	(g)
Pastoral ..	31.3	27.2	52.7	75.1	43.0	85.4	400.5	(g)
Dairying ..	6.0	7.6	16.1	35.3	22.6	34.3	103.8	(g)
Poultry ..	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5	(g)
Bee-farming ..	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	(g)
Total, Rural ..	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.6	783.3	(g)
Trapping ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.5	5.0	6.7	(g)
Forestry ..			{ 4.8	9.1	3.9	10.2	37.9	(g)
Fisheries ..	4.4	2.8	{ 1.1	1.4	1.4	1.8	5.7	(g)
Mines and Quarries(i) ..	12.1	22.0	23.3	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2	(g)
Total, Non-rural ..	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	50.4	147.5	(g)
Total, Primary ..	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	(g)
Factories ..	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	(g)
Total, All Industries ..	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,954.8	(g)
BUILDING(j)—								
Permits, New Dwellings { '000					2.1	9.7	32.8	40.3
Permits, All Buildings(k) { £m.	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.5	9.6	80.4	132.5
					4.6	13.5	116.4	226.8
OVERSEA TRADE—								
Imports .. £m. f.o.b.	(a) 34	(a) 38	(a) 61	94	52	174	1,053	821
Exports .. " "	36	50	79	128	108	169	675	782
Principal Exports(l)—								
Wool .. mill. lb.(m)	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,264
Wheat .. £m. f.o.b.	20	15	26	48	32	58	323	338
Flour .. '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	598	1,685	1,903
Butter .. £m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	46.5
Hides and Skins .. '000 short tons	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	667
Meats .. £m. f.o.b.	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	19.7
Fruit(n) .. mill. lb.	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	185
Sugar .. £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	29.0
Gold .. £m. f.o.b.	0.9	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	20.9
Silver and Lead(o) ..	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	60.5
Ores and Concentrates, ..	..	0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	32.7
	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	2.5	2.6	6.9	24.8
	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.9	9.2	7.0	8.8
	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	32.1	32.2
	(e)	(e)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.8	20.4	15.6

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (c) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (d) Not available. (e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (g) Not yet available. (h) Gross value from 1891 to 1921-22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (i) Incomplete. (j) Six capital cities and suburbs. (k) Includes additions and alterations. (l) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Excludes fruit juices. (o) Includes concentrates.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 118.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
OVERSEA TRADE—continued.								
Principal Imports—		(a)	(a)					
Vegetable foodstuffs, etc. £m. f.o.b.		{ 3.6	{ 3.7	{ 4.0	{ 2.6	{ 6.1	{ 25.0	{ 22.1
Apparel, etc.		{ 10.9	{ 16.2	{ 31.0	{ 15.4	{ 32.7	{ 203.6	{ 111.3
Oil, etc.		{ 1.2	{ 1.6	{ 4.7	{ 5.5	{ 16.2	{ 87.5	{ 99.6
Metals, etc.		{ 7.8	{ 14.0	{ 22.8	{ 7.4	{ 71.8	{ 393.4	{ 322.1
Rubber, etc.		{ 0.5	{ 1.4	{ 1.7	{ 0.8	{ 3.2	{ 34.0	{ 22.0
Paper, etc.		{ 1.6	{ 2.6	{ 4.4	{ 4.4	{ 4.3	{ 68.8	{ 44.2
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—								
Shipping—	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Oversea Vessels, Entrances and Clearances } No. mill. tons	3,778 4.7	4,028 6.5	4,174 10.0	3,111 9.1	3,057 11.4	2,544 10.8	4,136 18.2	4,885 22.3
Oversea Cargo—								
Discharged } mill. tons (c)			{ (b)	{ 2.4	{ 3.0	{ 5.5	{ 14.4	{ 15.9
Shipped } " " (c)			{ (b)	{ 5.8	{ 6.7	{ 4.2	{ 5.7	{ 8.2
Interstate Vessels, Entrances and Clearances } No. mill. tons	{ (b)	{ (b)	{ 9,605 13.1	{ 9,782 12.8	{ 7,957 11.1	{ 9,100 12.9	{ 7,524 15.8	{ 9,322 19.1
Interstate Cargo Shipped } mill. tons (c)			{ (b)	{ 5.5	{ 4.0	{ 10.0	{ 9.0	{ 13.0
Government Railways—	(d)	(d)	(d)					
Route-miles . . . '000	10.4	12.8	16.8	23.5	27.0	27.2	26.8	26.5
Passenger-journeys . . mill.	84	115	228	335	303	475	501	515
Goods and livestock carried '000 tons	9.4	15.5	25.5	31.5	26.1	38.9	44.3	46.8
Train-miles run . . . mill.	29.7	38.2	55.2	56.1	63.8	88.5	93.4	96.2
Tramways and Omnibuses—								
Passenger-journeys—								
Trams mill.	{ (b)	{ (b)	{ 360	{ 569	{ 589	{ 874	{ 689	{ 593
Omnibuses			{ (b)	{ (b)	{ (b)	{ 193	{ 330	{ 334
Motor vehicles on the register—								
Cars '000	{ ..	{ ..	{ (b)	{ 102	{ 420	{ 451	{ 1,032	{ 1,472
Commercial vehicles . .					{ 96	{ 251	{ 583	{ 679
Civil Aviation(e)—								
Plane-miles flown . . . mill.	..	..	..	..	2.5	7.8	41.8	43.7
Passengers carried '000	..	..	..	..	57	152	1,829	2,020
Passenger-miles . . . mill.	..	..	..	..	(b)	76	722	828
Freight car- } '000 short tons	..	..	..	..	0.1	1.2	57.5	84.4
ried } '000 ton-miles	..	..	..	..	(b)	0.9	26.7	33.9
Postal—	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Postal matter dealt with(f) mill. articles	242	324	595	702	(g) 871	(g) 1,100	(g) 1,485	(g) 1,704
Telegrams and cablegrams mill.	10.0	9.9	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	29.8	25.4
Telephones—								
Instruments . . . '000	7	29	103	259	485	739	1,301	1,704
Lines	(b)	25	85	196	364	531	927	1,207
Calls—Trunk	(b)	(b)	(b)	14.0	28.9	45.3	69.4	99.1
Local	(b)	(b)	(b)	221	369	664	968	1,186
Broadcast Listeners' Licences '000	..	..	..	(h) 36	369	1,320	1,961	2,089
PUBLIC FINANCE—								
Commonwealth—								
Consolidated Revenue Fund—		(d)	(d)					
Revenue . . . £m.	..	11	21	64	72	210	1,017	1,138
Expenditure . . . . .	..	4	15	64	70	210	1,017	1,077
Net loan fund expenditure(i) ..	..	..	1	5	4	213	55	70
Taxation collections . . .	..	9	16	50	54	180	934	1,004
State—								
Consolidated Revenue Funds—								
Revenue . . . £m.	(b)	28	41	85	100	152	387	524
Expenditure	(b)	29	41	87	121	149	390	539
Net loan expenditure(i) ..	(b)	9	16	34	6	8	198	156
Taxation collections . . .	(b)	3	5	18	33	57	63	97
Public Debt(j)—								
Commonwealth . . . £m.	..	..	6	354	319	638	1,869	1,927
State	a155.1	213	279	519	789	911	1,396	1,962
Total	a155.1	213	285	873	1,108	1,549	3,265	3,889
Overseas	(b)	(b)	194	412	522	516	406	341
In Australia	(b)	(b)	91	461	586	1,033	2,859	3,441

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Not available. (c) Tons weight plus tons measurement. (d) Year ended 30th June. (e) Regular internal services. (f) Letters, postcards, letter-cards and newspapers. (g) Includes packets. (h) Year 1923-24. (i) Loan expenditure on works, services, etc. (j) At 30th June.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 118.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—								
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.	
PRIVATE FINANCE—									
Commonwealth Note Issue(a) £m.	(b)	(b)	8	54	51	103	303	373	
Cheque-paying Banks—									
Advances(c)	125	94	119	182	261	270	677	793	
Deposits(c)	98	93	150	289	319	387	1,189	1,236	
Bank clearings(d)	(b)	338	662	1,702	1,581	2,828	12,160	13,812	
Savings bank deposits(e)	15	31	59	154	198	274	892	1,141	
Life Assurance(d)(f)—									
Ordinary—									
Policies .. '000	{	414	484	730	871	1,340	2,553	3,184	
Sum assured .. £m.		108	109	181	285	463	1,212	1,971	
Industrial—									
Policies .. '000		{	236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843	3,766
Sum assured .. £m.	5		10	30	67	127	254	307	
Total—									
Policies .. '000	{		650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396	6,950
Sum assured .. £m.		113	119	211	352	590	1,466	2,278	
SOCIAL STATISTICS—									
Commonwealth Social Services—									
Age and Invalid Pen- sions .. '000(g)	..	..	90	144	256	336	420	529
Child Endowment, Claims in force .. '000(g)	..	..	2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8	101.6
Total Commonwealth Health and Social Services(h) £m.	..	..	..	..	..	488	1,205	1,340
War Pensions .. '000(g)	..	..	2.2	6.1	11.5	30.9	137.6	214.9
Service Pensions .. '000(g)	..	..	..	225	274	220	525	600
State Social Services(k)—	..	..	..	7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	43.2
Education(d)—	..	..	..	..	..	14	17	35
Government Schools—	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	1.8	4.1
Schools .. '000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10.1	9.5	7.6	(l)	
Staff	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7	(l)	
Students ..	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013	(l)	
Non-Government Schools—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Schools .. '000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	(l)	
Staff	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.4	13.3	(l)	
Students ..	125	149	161	199	221	257	326	(l)	
Universities(d)(m)—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Number	4	4	5	6	6	8	9	10	
Staff(n)	(b)	(b)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082	3,377	
Students .. '000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	13.9	31.7	30.8	
Public Hospitals—	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	..	..	..
Number	(b)	285	355	404	513	566	675	(l)	
Staff—Medical .. '000	(b)	(b)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9	(l)	
Nursing	(b)	(b)	5.1	6.8	9.3	15.4	24.6	(l)	
In-patients, cases treated ..	(op) 54	(p) 91	134	215	371	595	896	(l)	
POLICE AND PRISONS(d)—									
Police	'000	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	12.3	
Prisons	(b)	(b)	104	91	85	70	69	(l)	
Prisoners	(b)	4.3	3.1	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.4	(l)	
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